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Labor activist shot in the leg by Likud supporter

LABOR Party activist Arthur Yurovsky, 24, was shot in the leg twice by Likud supporters yesterday...

Senior police officers said Yurovsky was shot after a fight over election campaign material erupted between Labor and Likud supporters...

The shooting occurred at about 5 a.m. while both Labor and Likud supporters were posting election campaign material in the center of Herzliya...

prime ministerial candidate Binyamin Netanyahu. The four approached them, and told them in no "uncertain terms" to remove the posters...

Yurovsky was visited by several cabinet ministers, and scores of Labor Party members and well-wishers. Labor campaign manager Shimon Sheves said that the shooting "goes to show that the opposition has resorted to the use of weapons."

Police also were shocked by the incident. "We have been on full alert for any possible incidents of violence during the election campaign," one officer said.

RAINE MARCUS

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Actor and peace activist Richard Dreyfuss meets with PM Shimon Peres yesterday in Jerusalem. (Brian Handler)

Agency accused of infringing on internal Russian affairs

ONE day after the Russian Foreign Ministry revealed it had limited the Jewish Agency's operations due to "breaches" of the law, a Moscow newspaper said the agency's activities infringed on internal Russian affairs.

MARILYN HENRY and BATSHEVA TSUR

The article also said the agency was violating its status by working beyond the geographic limits set by the Russian Ministry of Justice. That status, it intimated, came after foreign states pressured the ministry.

Agency Chairman Avraham Burg expressed cautious optimism that the accreditation would be granted, pointing to the official Moscow statement that this was an issue between Russia and the Jewish world rather than the Israeli government.

COL index rises 1.7% in April

THE Cost of Living Index rose a higher-than-expected 1.7 percent in April, its highest monthly rise in two years, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

prices, which counted for more than one-third of the increase and reflected the dollar-indexed housing sector's reflexive reaction to the shekel's recent, 5% depreciation.

average by 8%, and also counted for nearly a fifth of the overall rise. Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz said the monthly inflation data implies a significant erosion in workers' pay, which will require government compensation.

President Yoram Belizovski said the rise served as a reminder that the Bank of Israel's monetary policy does not answer the economy's needs, since it neither contains inflation nor allows the business sector to expand.

Beware of the hypocrites

COMMENT AMOTZ ASA-EL

"FEAR no one, no one but the hypocrites," King Alexander Yanai said to Queen Salome on his deathbed. So should we, in the face of the cacophonous chorus of industrialists, unionists, and politicians who accompanied yesterday's relatively sharp rise in the consumer price index.

only feel sorry for the Manufacturers Association, which religiously attacks the Bank of Israel's tight monetary policy on such occasions. The fact is that the central bank has at its disposal one tool - the interest rate - with which to state its impartial view concerning our sad macro-economic condition, namely a current account deficit of \$4.1 billion, a trade deficit of \$11.1b., and a budget deficit equal to 3.5% of domestic product.

Amos-1 satellite due in orbit

AMOS-1, Israel's first commercial satellite, was to be launched at 4:30 a.m. today aboard an Ariane-4 rocket from the European Space Agency center in Kourou, French Guiana, on the northeast coast of South America.

Dole quits US Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) - His voice cracking with emotion, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said yesterday he would resign the Senate seat he has held for 27 years to focus full time on defeating President Clinton.

'Jerusalem to expropriate part of Shuafat'

THE Jerusalem municipality is moving ahead with a plan to expropriate about 300 dunams of land in the Arab neighborhood of Shuafat to link the Jewish neighborhoods of Pisgat Ze'ev and Shuafat Ridge, Khalil Toufakji, a senior researcher with the Arab Studies Society, charged yesterday.

continued to operate in defiance of an official Russian "decision" to close it.

The report, in yesterday's edition of Nezavisimaya Gazeta, a popular daily that is seen as the voice of the security services, was among the first public accounts in Russia of the Jewish Agency's accreditation problems.

Without control by Russian authorities, the paper said, the agency's activities are akin to interfering in Russia's internal affairs, causing artificial tension between the peoples of Russia, and causing damage to the Russian Federation.

However, it said, the agency is taking a wait-and-see approach after formally presenting its request for new accreditation to the Russian government, which has 30 days to respond.

The documents were presented to Justice Ministry officials by the head of the agency's CIS department, Alla Levy, the head of the mission in Moscow, Ari Sadeh, and a legal adviser. Officials described the two-hour-long meeting as cordial.

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He said the agency currently has 13 offices with 43 long-term emissaries and 177 short-term emissaries in Russia. So far this year, 5,198 people have made aliya from the Russian republic, he added.

He said the land was expropriated in 1973 from Suleiman Hijadi, an Arab resident of the city. "The land was not taken from a Palestinian so a Palestinian could build there later," he said.

The municipal spokeswoman said that at issue was only two dunams of land that has always been Jewish owned. The land was zoned as a park 15 years ago.

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Peace Watch: PA freeing terrorists

EVELYN GORDON

ALMOST half the terrorists sentenced to long jail terms by the Palestinian Authority were released within a few months, according to a new Peace Watch report.

It noted that the PA has so far sentenced 37 people for terror-related crimes: 10 for periods of a year or less, 12 for two to five years, 13 for six to 15 years, and two for life. Of these, 26 should still have been in jail this spring, when Peace Watch conducted its survey.

However, the group found that 11 of the 26 had been either officially or unofficially released. Two were later rearrested due to Israeli pressure.

In particular, the report noted, eight of the 14 Hamas activists sentenced were granted early release, as were all three of the Fatah members. However, no Islamic Jihad or PFLP members were released early.

Even more serious, Peace Watch found that all but one of those granted early release were guilty of murdering, kidnapping, or attempting to kill Israelis. Those convicted of less serious crimes — more than half of the 37 people convicted were preachers, writers, and recruiters not directly involved in planning or executing terror attacks — generally were not released early.

The report also noted that 23 of the 39 trials took place in a six-week period last spring, in response to heavy Israeli and American pressure. Since then, it

said, trials have generally been held only to forestall imminent Israeli extradition requests.

Furthermore, it said, none of the leaders of Hamas or Islamic Jihad have yet been put on trial, even though the PA arrested eight leading Hamas figures after the recent wave of suicide bombings. The PA has said these men will be tried this month; however, the report noted, most previous trials have taken place within a couple of days.

"The individuals who were tried were not, for the most part, directly involved in terror attacks against Israelis," the report concluded. "Those who were directly involved were tried as a means of forestalling extradition to Israel, and were disproportionately likely to be given early releases. In no cases was the hard-core leadership of the terror groups tried ... [The early releases] make a mockery of the legal system."

Finally, the report noted, in some cases the PA does not even pretend to give appropriate sentences.

Four Hamas activists convicted last May of preparing suicide bombers, for instance, were sentenced to two months apiece, while the killers of two Israeli hikers were given only seven years.

Following are the 10 serious criminals who were let out early.

• Raed Atar and Mohammed Abu-Shmala (Hamas), involved

in a shooting at Morag junction which killed one soldier and wounded two, served eight months of a two-year sentence.

• Abdel Majid Doudin (Hamas), suspected of involvement in the bus No. 26 suicide bombing last August, is still officially serving his 12-year sentence, but is actually employed by the PA security forces and has freedom of movement in Jericho. (OBU) Awad Silmi (Hamas), involved in the killing of Lt.-Col. Meir Mintz, served less than a month of his five-year term.

• Wael Nasser (Hamas), sentenced to five years for intent to commit a suicide bombing, also served less than a month.

• Jamil Abu Rob and Ahmed Samara (Fatah), sentenced to nine years for kidnapping border policemen in Jenin, are officially still in prison, but are actually employed by the PA security services and have freedom of movement in Jericho.

• Samir Zakarana (Fatah), sentenced to five years for the same crime, was released after three months, though he was later rearrested after an altercation with the PA Police.

• Youssef Malhi (Hamas), wanted for the murder of Gil Revah and Shlomo Kappah, and Osama Abu Taha (Hamas) wanted for three murders and additional attempted murders, both "escaped" less than two months into their 12-year sentences. Under Israeli pressure, they were rearrested in March.



Haim Yavin (left), anchorman of Channel 1's 'Mabat' news, congratulates 'Jerusalem Post' reporter Abraham Rabinovich, who received a journalism award yesterday from B'nai B'rith. Rabinovich won an honorable mention for his series on far-flung Jewish communities in Russia. (Brian Heider)

Husseini urges Arab Jerusalemites not to seek Israeli citizenship

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN residents of Jerusalem may accept dual Israeli-Palestinian citizenship after independence, but should not vote in Israeli elections now, chief Jerusalem negotiator Faisal Husseini said in an interview published yesterday.

Continuing a public review of Palestinian ways and means to advance claims to Jerusalem as the capital of a future state of Palestine, Husseini told *Hayat al-Jadida*, which is close to the Palestinian Authority, that "if a Likud coalition takes power, we will change our negotiating strategy and our tactics concerning the land."

Palestinians are concerned by the increasing number of Jerusalem Arabs requesting Israeli citizenship, which could seriously erode Palestinian negotiating strength if the trend continues during the next three years of negotiations.

Husseini, a member of the PLO executive council in charge of talks of PLO strategy on

Jerusalem, offered the option of "dual citizenship," but said "that will be acceptable only after the establishment of a Palestinian state. It is too early to talk about this issue."

He did not go into details on the subject of an alternative strategy, but Palestinian officials in Jerusalem have over the past week have spoken of intensifying the struggle for Jerusalem, now that final status talks have officially begun.

A Fatah leaflet issued earlier this week under the title "Jerusalem is our capital" observed that "Jerusalem will not return to us through negotiations alone, but by Palestinian will. The masses are the important factor which will ensure victory in the battle for Palestinian sovereignty in Jerusalem."

The leaflet did not specify means but noted that "Those who ignited the intifada can restore Palestinian sovereignty to Jerusalem."

Hatem Abdel-Khader, a member of the

Palestinian Council and a Fatah leader during the intifada, said what is meant by the leaflet is "non-violent public activity."

Ziad Abu Zayyad, another Jerusalem Palestinian Council member observed that the intifada was a spontaneous mass activity and could not be resumed to order.

However, there has been a clear effort to raise the anxiety level of Jerusalem Arabs over the future of the city and to call them to action.

Husseini said that Palestinian action is necessary because Israel has taken steps to change Jerusalem's status, mainly through the increase in the number of Arabs requesting Israeli citizenship.

"The regulations that Israel has taken to naturalize Arabs as Israeli citizens are invalid," he said.

Fearing that many would vote in the Israeli elections, he said "those who vote are going in the opposite direction of the Palestinian people."

PA minister denied entry

JON IMMANUEL

ISRAELI soldiers prevented Palestinian Authority Minister Intissar Wazzir (Umm Jihad) from reaching the Palestinian Council session in Bethlehem yesterday, saying her VIP pass had been suspended after she took two students without passes from Gaza in violation of the closure.

Wazzir, who could have traveled in another minister's car, chose to return to her office.

The council opened its two-day session in Bethlehem, but recessed after an hour after referring several matters to committee. PA President Yasser Arafat was cheered as he arrived at Bethlehem city hall. He told the council he needs 10 days to finalize his cabinet, expected to number 25. Afterward, he went to Nablus. The council session continues today.

Haidar Abdel-Shafi, a leading opposition member of the council, said that the closure is hampering travel by PC members, though he was not referring particularly to Wazzir.

Thousands of police deployed today for Jerusalem Day

BILL HUTMAN and BATSHEVA TSUR

THERE will be a massive police presence throughout Jerusalem in case Jerusalem Day events, which kicked off last night and continue through tomorrow — the official date of the holiday — are the target of a terror attack. Several thousand policemen are on duty.

"We have been on high alert for some time concerning the possibility of attack," a senior police source said yesterday. "I can't say we have intelligence information about a specific attack planned for Jerusalem Day. But there is no question Hamas or Islamic Jihad would like nothing better than to carry out an attack in Jerusalem on Jerusalem Day."

The holiday marks the anniversary of the city's reunification in 1967.

Tens of thousands of visitors are expected in the capital today for Jerusalem Day, which began last night at a ceremony at the Tower of David Museum at which President Ezer Weizman was named an honorary citizen of Jerusalem.

"I believe in peace and believe it will come eventually," Weizman said at the ceremony. "But," he added, "this does not absolve us from the need to continue to adhere to Zionism, to continue to realize it fully to the end."

"The experience of the last few generations had proved that Zionism is the secret of the

strength and of the existence of the Jewish people in their homeland and we must remember that strength is a prerequisite for a real and lasting peace. Therefore, if we wish to live, and if we yearn for peace, we and all the generations after us must remember that the age of pioneering is still not over."

Turning to the Jews of the Diaspora, "this time as an ordained Jerusalemite," Weizman asked, "Why should you wait until next Pessah to say 'Next year in Jerusalem?' Say now, 'This year in Jerusalem.'"

Many events are slated to take place in the Old City throughout the next two days. Police warned they would not tolerate provocations from either Arabs or Jews.

IDF soldier wounded in Hizbullah ambush

DAVID RUDGE

fighting in south Lebanon.

The wounded soldier was to the Rebecca Sieff Hospital in Safed suffering from shrapnel wounds in the legs. His condition was described as satisfactory last night.

Hizbullah issued a statement saying it had attacked an IDF infantry and mechanized patrol near Soujoud. The statement said another group had fired mortars at IDF and South Lebanese Army positions in the same area.

There were no casualties as a result of the mortar fire.

IDF and SLA gunners blasted suspected Hizbullah targets north of the zone in response to the attacks. There were no reported casualties among Hizbullah gunmen.

The incident brought to six the number of IDF soldiers wounded since the renewal of hostilities by Hizbullah in the security zone after a two-week lull following the end

of Operation Grapes of Wrath.

One SLA soldier has been killed and two others wounded, one seriously, during the same period.

The so-called popular committee in support of the Islamic Resistance announced that it had raised sufficient money from its "buy a bullet" campaign to buy 600 Katyushas.

Hizbullah radio reported that the campaign would continue with the emphasis on raising money for relief work to repair the damage to villages resulting from Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Meanwhile, the Lebanese daily *An-Nahar* reported that Syria had called up its reserves and declared a "state of alert" because of tension with Turkey.

The paper, quoting Lebanese sources, said this followed an escalation in "official" Turkish rhetoric against the Syrian regime.

It said the mobilization was carried out quickly and quietly and was overshadowed by the events in Lebanon over the past two months.

Closure on Gaza still in force

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres approved the recommendation of the anti-terror committee yesterday and canceled all measures to ease the closure on the Gaza Strip as of last night. However, some exceptions to the closure will still be in force, including humanitarian cases, the exit of produce under certain conditions, and VIP movement.

American team completes preliminary anti-Katyusha survey

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A TEAM of American experts, here last week to examine options to defend the North from Katyusha attacks, has returned to the US to assess what interim defensive system can be deployed, a US official said yesterday.

"There are a variety of possibilities," said Richard Scorza, spokesman for the US Embassy.

Scorza said the team was sent to identify US systems that could be immediately deployed to provide a protective shield. "A second objective the team pursued," he said, "was to analyze procedures to deploy the Nautilus laser anti-rock-et system, scheduled for late 1997."

An American official said that the group believes there are "plausible" existing US weapons sys-

tems which could be deployed to answer the Katyusha threat, but he would not elaborate.

Military experts here dismissed this, saying there is no weapon capable of dealing with the Katyusha situation.

One possible interim solution is to employ a modified Phalanx gun around Kiryat Shmona. The Phalanx is a radar-guided Gatling gun with six rotating 20mm barrels currently used in the US and Israeli navies against short-range sea-to-sea missiles.

But Reuven Pedatzur, director of the Galili Center for Strategic and National Security, said it wouldn't work effectively against Katyushas.

"It is not suitable. Really, nothing exists which can fight Katyushas," Pedatzur said.

Prof. Gerald Steinberg, of the BESA Center for Strategic Studies, said the Phalanx could be used to protect a small area, roughly the size of an aircraft carrier. But to protect the entire northern border would entail thousands of batteries of guns. The same would hold true for the Nautilus once it becomes operative, he said.

Dore Gold, head of the Jaffee Center's Project on US Security Policy in the Middle East, said the idea that the Americans could find a weapons system to shield Israel from Katyushas is actually intended as a public relations ploy to ease Israeli concerns.

Christopher: US won't seek Abu Abbas extradition

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

THE US has no plans to seek the extradition of the mastermind of the *Achille Lauro* hijacking, Mohammed Abbas (Abu Abbas), but is looking at other possible actions it could take against him, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said yesterday.

Christopher also told the House commerce, justice, and judiciary subcommittee that the administration "accepts the vote of the PNC" to "cancel those sections of the covenant which are inconsistent" with the Oslo accords. He said the Israeli government concurs.

"The Justice Department informs me that as far as they know, there are no pending criminal charges against him at the present time in the US. Because no charges are pending, the US would have no basis on which to seek extradition at the present time," Christopher told the panel.

No agreement yet on monitoring committee

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

The State Department meetings to conclude formation of the Operation Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee continued last night, with the sides still trying to reach agreement on two or three issues relating to the group's eventual operation, Israeli officials said.

During a break in the proceedings, US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross consulted with Secretary of State Warren Christopher, although there are no indications that Christopher will meet with the forum that includes Israeli, Syrian, Lebanese, and French representatives.

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Japanese cult guru proclaims innocence

TOKYO (AP) — It wasn't exactly his day in court, but doomsday guru Shoko Asahara yesterday proclaimed his innocence and denounced authorities for trying to outlaw his Aum Shinri Kyo cult.

At an administrative hearing at the Tokyo jail where he is being held, Asahara argued that Aum poses no threat to society.

"Ordinary people can understand we're not dangerous," he said, adding that evidence against the cult is "fabricated."

At the same time, though, the cult leader sought to distance himself from the group's actions, saying that from 1994 on he was too physically ill to supervise his disciples.

"I wanted relief from my daily duties," he said, "I was mostly sleeping — I was receiving intravenous feedings."

Asahara, 41, did not specify his ailment.

Japanese authorities are moving to outlaw the cult, which is accused in the nerve-gas attack on Tokyo's subways that killed 12 people and sickened more than 5,500 others in March last year.

Aum Shinri Kyo, or Supreme Truth, already has been dissolved as a religious group and declared bankrupt, but the Justice Ministry's public security agency wants to invoke a rarely used anti-subversive law against the group, which would amount to an outright ban.

Under the measure, remaining members would be prohibited from assembling in large groups or raising money.

Asahara's testimony at the day-long hearing was his most detailed public comment on the cult's activities since he was arrested a year ago. He made only a brief statement at the opening of his murder trial in Tokyo District Court on April 24.

The trial is expected to take years.

Security for yesterday's hearing was extremely tight. Helicopters flew overhead and hundreds of police patrolled in and around the jail.



India's new prime minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, is greeted by a supporter at his New Delhi home yesterday. Vajpayee, leader of the Hindu nationalist BJP party, will be sworn in today. (Reuters)

India gets first Hindu nationalist government

NELSON GRAVES
NEW DELHI

RIGHT-wing leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee has been named India's first Hindu nationalist prime minister but rival parties scoffed at his chances of surviving a looming confidence vote in a hung parliament.

President Shankar Dayal Sharma appointed Vajpayee after his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged from elections as the largest single party in a hung parliament.

"The president has appointed me as the prime minister and my council of ministers will take oath tomorrow," Vajpayee told reporters at the red sandstone presidential palace after a 30-minute meeting with Sharma.

"I have accepted the invitation," said Vajpayee, foreign minister in one of modern India's few non-Congress party governments that lasted from 1977 to 1979.

Vajpayee, 69 and one of India's most gifted orators, was set to be sworn in at 12 noon today.

The president gave Vajpayee until May 31 to prove a majority in the deeply split parliament. To do so, he will have to pass a vote of confidence. If he loses it, India's first Hindu nationalist government will fall.

The BJP is committed to a single Hindu culture, which critics say discriminates against

India's 110-million strong Moslem minority. "The BJP is committed to the concept of one nation, one people, one culture," the BJP's manifesto said.

Rival parties, galvanised by the BJP's perceived anti-Moslem bias, predicted Vajpayee's government would have a tough time surviving the vote.

"I don't think it can last. We will vote against it," Vital Gadgil, spokesman for outgoing Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's Congress party, said. "It will be an eight-day wonder."

The BJP and its allies won 195 seats in the 545-member lower house of parliament, well short of an outright majority. It has been lobbying regional parties but has had little apparent success in reaching the 273-seat threshold.

"This government is not going to last long," said Jaipal Reddy, spokesman of the National Front-Left Front (NF-LF), a loose alliance of leftist parties.

Racing against time to cobble together a majority, the NF-LF secured the support of

Rao's Congress party in the early afternoon, then quickly sought an appointment with Sharma to stake a claim to rule the world's biggest democracy.

The NF-LF said it could muster 180 votes. Congress and an ally won 138 seats and regional parties and small groups had pledged some 60 more seats to the leftist alliance, giving the BJP's rivals an outright majority on paper.

But minutes after the NF-LF and Congress declared their tie-up, Vajpayee emerged from the imposing presidential palace to announce his appointment.

"We are distressed by the haste with which the president has invited Vajpayee," Reddy said. "There had been speculation that Vajpayee, confronted with united adversaries, might turn down the chance to form a government. His appointment took some rivals by surprise."

"All of us were surprised with the decision of the president," said communist leader Jyoti Basu.

The NF-LF, bitter rivals of Congress in the campaign, accused Rao of delaying his party's decision to support the left-wing alliance until it was too late and Vajpayee was chosen.

Yeltsin tries to forge coalition

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin met yesterday with one of his rivals in an attempt to forge a centrist coalition and said he would consider giving his political foes Cabinet posts in a national unity government.

"I promised to thoroughly think over the idea," Yeltsin said after an hour-long Kremlin meeting with eye surgeon Svyatoslav Fyodorov, one of the 11 contestants in Russia's presidential race.

Fyodorov said he urged Yeltsin to form a government that would include all leading political movements.

"There have to be people from the Communist Party, socialist parties, capitalist parties," he said.

The president "agreed that we need a government of national unity," and "believes it can be formed right now," Fyodorov told reporters.

But his upbeat assessment contradicted that of Yeltsin's spokesman Sergei Medvedev, who said the president doubts that Fyodorov's idea is "absolutely viable," especially before the June 16 elections.

The meeting did not produce any coalition deals.

The talks with Fyodorov marked yet another attempt by Yeltsin to bring to his side other centrist or reform-minded candidates, whose support he needs in a tight race against Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov.

Yeltsin hopes that some of them might drop from the race in exchange for government posts, or unite behind him in the likely

runoffs. Yeltsin's top campaign organizer, Sergei Filatov, said the president could even win in the first round if he secures such support.

"The talks are difficult, because the contenders have put forward a number of conditions to meet," Filatov said yesterday in remarks cited by the Interfax news agency.

"The issue in question is the vision of reforms and provisions of principal importance rather than government posts."

Yeltsin already has met with liberal economist Grigory Yavlinsky and retired Gen. Alexander Lebed. But despite his optimistic statements the candidates were uniting, both Lebed and Yavlinsky said they were not offered any posts and would not withdraw from the race.

The three centrist candidates also have spoken of uniting against both Yeltsin and Zyuganov, forming the so-called "Third Force."

It has not materialized, and Lebed appeared to be dealing the idea a final blow yesterday, saying he would only agree to run as the trio's presidential nominee.

"I am not ready to give up anything to anyone and do not intend to consider any other versions," he told the ITAR-Tass news agency during a campaign trip to the Siberian city of Novosibirsk.

Siberia also is the next destination for Yeltsin on his frenetic campaign. Over the weekend, Yeltsin plans to visit the cities of Krasnoyarsk and Omsk.

Next Monday, the president will publish his election platform, Filatov said.

Karadzic replaces moderate 'premier'

PALE, BOSNIA (AP) — In a clear sign that he's not giving up power, Radovan Karadzic — a suspected war criminal — yesterday fired the head of the self-styled Bosnian Serb government, Rajko Kasagic.

The dismissal brought to the surface a deep rift between Bosnian Serb hardliners, who are against gradual integration of Bosnia, and moderates who support compromise and negotiation.

There was no immediate reaction from Kasagic, whose headquarters is in Banja Luka in the northwest. But if Karadzic succeeds in ousting him, it would hurt Bosnia's peace efforts.

"The UN is extremely disturbed by the removal of Mr. Kasagic from his position," international police spokesman Alexander Ivanko said. "Removal of Mr. Kasagic will not serve the interests of the Bosnian Serbs."

Karadzic is president of Republika Sprska, the Bosnian Serb's self-styled state. It is not recognized as a sovereign state. The Dayton peace agreement considers Serb territory as one entity within Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Still, Karadzic has authority over Kasagic, who has held the post of premier in the Republika Sprska government.

Kasagic said in a recent inter-

view that Karadzic should not run in elections expected in late summer or early fall because the Dayton peace agreement bans suspected war criminals from power.

Karadzic has defiantly said he wants to run in the elections.

In a statement faxed to The Associated Press in Belgrade, Karadzic said he was replacing Kasagic because he "failed to adapt to his work, which would undoubtedly jeopardize the interests of the country and its people."

Until a new premier is chosen, three vice premiers will take Kasagic's place, Karadzic said.

Banja Luka, the largest city in Serb-held territory and the base for moderate Serb politicians, has been gaining importance since the Dayton agreement was signed. The move could split Serb territory into spheres dominated by Pale, and Banja Luka.

Security sources in Pale, Karadzic's stronghold, said both Kasagic and Karadzic were summoned yesterday to Belgrade, the Serbian capital, by President Slobodan Milosevic, who signed the Dayton Peace agreement in their name.

The sources said Milosevic wanted to settle the feud splitting the Bosnian Serb leadership.

Burundi massacre probe blames Hutus

BUTUMBURA (Reuters) — An official inquiry into a massacre in the central Burundi village of Buhoro has found that 118 people were killed and the killers were probably Hutu rebels or refugees.

The report on the April 26 massacre was published yesterday.

The inquiry was ordered after humanitarian sources accused the Tutsi-dominated army of killing at least 230 civilians, mostly Hutu women and children, at Buhoro.

Three army lieutenant-colonels and a civilian, representing the military, the presidency and the prime minister's office, carried out the investigation which was ordered by the National Security Council.

"Our interpretation is that Hutu displaced people and rebels killed those who refused to join in with their operations," the report concluded.

"One hundred and eighteen people were killed, according to local people we spoke to," it said.

Much of the violence in Burundi

pits the Tutsi military against Hutu rebels with the bulk of casualties usually being civilians of both ethnic groups.

Defense ministry spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Isia Nibizi said on Tuesday that the civilian governor of northern Cibitoke province was assassinated on Monday. Nibizi said the governor and one of his military bodyguards died in an ambush.

The Buhoro report said eyewitnesses variously affirmed the massacre was committed either by soldiers, displaced Hutus or strangers, speaking the language of neighbouring Rwanda.

It said the killings took place in hills around Buhoro on April 26 but only 29 of the bodies were identified by locals.

The team said they were unable to exhume bodies for legal reasons and the army commander who led operations at Buhoro could not be interviewed because he was on duty elsewhere at the time.

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Tigers dying out by the day

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Dying out at a rate of one a day, tigers that once roamed much of Asia in large numbers are drawing closer to extinction because of massive deforestation and poaching, the World Wide Fund for Nature said yesterday.

Despite international efforts for their conservation, the Switzerland-based organization estimated the number of tigers remaining in the wild could be as low as 4,600, down from 5,000 in 1994.

In a release made available in Bangkok, the WWF said a major threat to tigers was an increased illegal trade in tiger bones, skin and other parts to satisfy practitioners of traditional Chinese medicine. Particularly battered have been the tigers of Indochina. Huge forest tracts have been opened to loggers in Cambodia, tigers continue to be illegally killed in Vietnam, and hydroelectric power projects are planned for two areas where tigers roam in Laos.

In India, which holds two-thirds of the world's tigers, the WWF estimates that up to 400 tigers from a population of fewer than 3,000 may have been killed by poachers last year. Indonesian authorities reported last year that poaching of Sumatran tigers was virtually "uncontrollable."

The range of the tiger also spreads over Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, North Korea, Indonesia, China and Russia.

Three of the eight sub-species of tigers — the Caspian, Javan and Bali tigers — already have become extinct in the last half-century. Of the five remaining sub-species, the South China and the Siberian tigers are believed to be most at risk.

Fewer than 50 South China tigers and some 200 Siberian tigers are estimated to remain in the wild.

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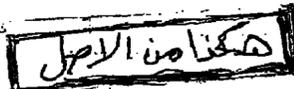
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Chirac urges Britain to help build new Europe

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ACKNOWLEDGING the historic rivalry between enemies turned allies, French President Jacques Chirac said yesterday that Britain and France must strengthen their ties and help build a new Europe.

"A Europe that is strong, influential and capable of fully playing its role worldwide is a Europe in which the voice of the United Kingdom is heard, and heard powerfully," he said in a speech to both houses of Parliament.

Chirac's call for Britain to play a greater role in Europe and support a single currency cut to the heart of divisions - especially in Prime Minister John Major's Conservative Party - between Euro-enthusiasts and Euro-skeptics.

Conservative lawmaker Sir Teddy Taylor, an outspoken critic of closer European integration, said Chirac was "trying to entice Britain into 'this mad enterprise' of a single currency, 'a recipe for high unemployment and misery.'"

But even Euro-skeptics were delighted at Chirac's support for British beef, which was banned worldwide in March after the government announced a possible link between mad cow disease and a human brain disease that has killed at least 10 Britons.

Chirac said France will support a partial lifting of the ban, which would allow Britain to export beef fat, gelatin and bull semen. European Union veterinarians were to vote yesterday, but the outcome was uncertain because of

German opposition.

Calling mad cow disease a "catastrophe" for Britain and Europe, Chirac said "it is up to Europe to express solidarity when solidarity is needed and I hope that strong solidarity will be expressed as of today."

But the French leader, who lunched on British beef with Queen Elizabeth II, conceded it is difficult to overcome people's fear of disease and serious illness - even though Britain plans to slaughter tens of thousands of cattle at risk of the disease to restore faith in its meat.

Major, standing alongside Chirac at a news conference before his speech, refused to say whether Britain planned to disrupt EU business if the ban stays, as some Conservative anti-European legislators are demanding.

"If it were not to be eased today I think we would need to examine precisely why not and how that would proceed," said Major.

Chirac addressed Parliament in the ornate Royal Gallery, speaking in French with four red and white beefeaters behind him.

"Time and the trials of history" have brought Britain and France much closer, Chirac said, adding that the European ideal is now deeply rooted in the young of both countries.

"We will not move backwards. The future is the future for a Europe in which the solidarity among nations composing Europe will continuously increase." (AP)



Bangladesh tornado survivors rush to collect meagre relief supplies. The tornado killed over 500 and injured over 32,000. (Reuters)

Bangladesh tornado kills 500

RAMPUR (AP) - The government yesterday rushed army relief and medical teams to the flat plains of northern Bangladesh, where a tornado leveled 80 villages and killed at least 508 people. Another 500 were reported missing.

Some people were buried alive when the twister swept across the landscape at 200 kph turning tree branches and tin roofs into deadly missiles. It was the worst calamity from a tornado in four decades.

But help was slow in coming, due in part an early report that only 22 had died. The storm's toll on communications lines was another factor.

Authorities reported 508 people dead and more 33,000 injured. One newspaper in Dhaka, the capital, put the death toll at 700 and said 50,000 were hurt.

"Some of the areas looked as though there has been a carpet bombing," said Akhter Hossain, an official of the relief ministry.

Another storm lashed southern and eastern Bangladesh with winds of up to 80 kph Tuesday night, killing five people and injuring 160.

A.Z. Nasiruddin, the relief and rehabilitation minister, said 500 soldiers, mostly medical relief teams, left Dhaka by truck yesterday morning for the disaster area.

Yesterday caretaker Prime Minister Mohammed Habibur Rahman visited the worst hit district of Tangail, 70 km north of Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh.

Rahman met the injured in a crowded local hospital and ordered the seriously wounded shifted to hospitals in Dhaka, his press secretary Mohammad Mokeddem said.

Thousands of injured were refused treatment at the local hospital because of an acute shortage of blood, bandages and medicine. Hundreds of trucks are being deployed to carry the injured to hospitals in other towns, said the relief ministry official.

Each family hit by tornado is being given a cash help of 5,000 takas (NIS 363), officials said.

Dole resigning as Senate majority leader

JOHN KING
WASHINGTON

IN a dramatic gesture, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole is resigning from the Senate seat he has held for 27 years to focus full-time on his tough campaign against President Clinton.

Republican sources said yesterday.

Dole scheduled an announcement for later yesterday evening at his Senate office.

A senior Republican official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Dole first raised the idea of resigning several weeks ago as his campaign searched for a strategy to whittle Clinton's strong lead and prevent Senate Democrats from throwing daily legislative obstacles in Dole's way.

Other options included simply stepping aside from his day-to-day duties as majority leader or resigning that post outright but keeping his Senate seat and the platform it offers him.

"But he decided that it was time to completely focus on making the case against Bill Clinton and that staying in the Senate in any way would give the Clinton White House the opportunity to blur the

reason Dole has been reluctant to relinquish his duties as majority leader.

Lott defeated longtime Dole ally Alan Simpson of Wyoming for the whip job, and has tense relations with other members of Dole's leadership team, including Sens. Don Nickles of Oklahoma and Thad Cochran of Mississippi.

With polls showing Clinton with a comfortable lead - as much as 20 points in some surveys - Republican leaders have been urging Dole to take dramatic steps to reinvigorate his campaign and boost party morale.

"We see today's announcement as a re-announcement of the campaign," said a senior Dole aide. "It represents a clearing of the legislative stumbling blocks and the start of a sprint to the White House."

Clinton aides were caught off guard by Dole's unexpected decision. For weeks, the focus in Washington has been on an

unprecedented race pitting a sitting president against a Senate majority leader of the opposition political party.

Clinton faced a somewhat similar decision after clinching the 1992 Democratic presidential nomination. He decided to stay on as Arkansas governor, although he ceded most management of the state to then-Lt. Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who succeeded Clinton when he won the presidency.

Kansas Gov. Jim Graves, a Republican, will get to name a temporary Dole successor in the Senate.

The last Senate leader to seek the presidency, then-Republican Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee, temporarily stepped aside to run in the 1980 primaries, but without resigning. After withdrawing from the race after disappointing showings, Baker immediately returned to his Senate post.

Previous to that, then-Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson kept his job when he ran for the Democratic nomination in 1960 and then as John F. Kennedy's running mate.

Liberia enjoys lull

MONROVIA (Reuters) - Liberia's battered capital enjoyed a welcome break from fighting yesterday, and civilians came out to stock up on food and water after a day of fierce clashes during which over 30 people were killed.

But for a group of looters caught in the devastated city center by West African peacekeepers, it was far from restful. They were forced to strip to their pants and perform army-style physical training exercises under the blazing sun.

"I will not loot again. I will not loot again," they chanted, before being released.

In the port, several hundred Ghanians, Nigerians, Liberians and other West Africans waited on a Russian freighter, hoping to flee by sea, but peacekeepers strictly controlled access and there were no crowds clamoring to leave.

Elsewhere, occasional bursts of gunfire broke out in strategic corners of the city but pro-government joint forces kept out in new-joining military fatigues stopped fighters crossing one of the main bridges.

"We don't want them to go to the front lines," one said.

Across the bridge, a group of fighters loyal to Charles Taylor, the man who launched the war in 1989, said they were maintaining

a ceasefire.

"The orders from the government are not to fire on anyone," said General Power, 24, one many quickly-named fighters.

Describing himself as a member of the divided former national army, the Armed Forces of Liberia, he blamed the fighting on ethnic Krahn rivals loyal to fugitive faction leader Roosevelt Johnson.

The Krahn blame fighters loyal to Taylor, the dominant member of the government, and his sometime rival and fellow vice-chairman on the ruling Council of State Albaji Kromah.

General Abraham Kromah, government-appointed chief of staff of the Armed Forces of Liberia, said his forces would try to respect a truce declared by the government.

"They are just going to protect government pronouncements and ensure to their fire," he told state radio, adding that the aim was to allow peacekeepers to take control.

Witnesses saw 22 bodies after the clashes, during which Krahn backed to death wounded rivals.

State radio said a gunman shot dead two civilians watching the fighting from the Greystone compound attached to the US embassy. Some 20,000 civilians are sheltering in the compound.

9 jungle hostages rescued

JAKARTA (AP) - Soldiers raided a rebel hideout in the New Guinea jungle yesterday, freeing six European and three Indonesian hostages after more than four months of captivity, military spokesmen said.

Rebels escaped with two hostages. Lt. Col. Maulud Hidayat said by telephone from New Guinea. He said soldiers had to call off the search for them at nightfall, but planned to resume it today.

The Red Cross failed in repeated attempts to negotiate freedom for the hostages, including a Dutchwoman who is seven months pregnant.

About 50 soldiers exchanged gunfire with the rebels after tracking them down by finding sleeping bags and other belongings, Hidayat said. He said the rebels scattered into the jungle, leaving behind eight hostages and freeing one more later.

There were no casualties among the soldiers, and the hostages were all in good condition, chief military spokesman Brig. Gen. Amir Syarifuddin told The Associated Press.

Hidayat said they probably would be taken to the US-run Freeport-Indonesia copper mine on New Guinea for medical attention, but might fly directly to

Jakarta.

The hostages were part of a scientific research team abducted Jan. 8 from a remote valley by guerrillas of the Free Papua Movement, which wants independence for the Indonesian-ruled western half of New Guinea.

The head of the rebel movement ordered the hostages released in a letter delivered to his field commanders in March by the head of the Red Cross office in Jakarta, but the commanders ignored the orders.

"I am happy for the hostages, because I have instructed my field commanders before to release them and they have disobeyed my orders," rebel leader Moses Werror said by telephone from the neighboring country of Papua New Guinea.

The rescued hostages included all of the Europeans in the group - Britons Daniel Start, 21; William Oates, 21; Annette van der Kolk, 21, and Anna McIvor, 20; Dutchwoman Marsha Klein and Dutchman Mark Van Der Wal.

"Our troops are in hot pursuit of the rebels for the release of the remaining two hostages," Syarifuddin said. He expressed confidence that "they would also be freed soon."

Crash clues point to possible explosion

MIAMI (Reuters) - Investigators yesterday searched data taken from the flight recorder of ValuJet Flight 592 for further clues to the cause of the deadly weekend crash, as the toll rose to 110 with the discovery that one passenger was carrying a small infant.

Federal officials confirmed the death of the baby, who had not been on the passenger list, but gave no further details about the infant, the Miami Herald said.

Scores of grieving relatives of passengers on Saturday's flight were to visit the crash site in the Florida Everglades for the first time yesterday for a memorial service. They will be taken by bus to the alligator-infested swamp to pray, meditate and place flowers.

Workers resumed their grisly search for body parts, plane fragments and the plane's cockpit voice recorder at dawn yesterday.

Some passengers were likely thrown violently around the cabin when the DC-9 suddenly lost power and plunged to earth after what may have been an explosion in the cargo hold, according to data taken from the flight recorder.

Robert Francis, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), said the flight data recorder showed that the jet was climbing normally after take-off from Miami when the problems began.

"There could have been an explosion," Francis said.

Of particular interest to investigators, he said, were some 50 to 60 spare airline oxygen generators being transported in the cargo hold back to ValuJet's headquarters in Atlanta for refurbishing. Oxygen is highly flammable.

The oxygen generators are used for passengers' oxygen masks in emergencies. Each is the size of a fire extinguisher.

About 3-1/2 minutes before the crash the right engine lost 45 percent of its power and the plane began to tumble out of control, according to preliminary data.

"The altitude dropped 250 meters," Francis said. "This lasted between three and four seconds." After the left engine lost power, the plane slammed nose-first into the spongy mud of the Everglades.

Ciller calls for new confidence vote

ANKARA (Reuters) - Turkish coalition partner Tansu Ciller said yesterday that a new confidence vote was needed in the government after the constitutional court ruled its original March vote was illegal.

"There is a need to refresh the vote," Ciller told a meeting of her True Path Party (DYP). "We cannot deny that... a political shadow has fallen onto this government."

Turkey's constitutional court, ruling on an Islamist opposition challenge, annulled the vote of confidence in the government late on Tuesday, but rejected a separate proposal it invalidated the government itself.

Ciller's partner, Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz, has said it was too early to evaluate the court ruling and its implications for his government.

The unexpected decision, which takes effect when published in the Official Gazette, sent the financial markets plunging and threw the beleaguered coalition into confusion about what to do next.

But constitutional experts and some MPs have said a new vote would be appropriate.

The annulment brought on calls for Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz's resignation from the Islamists and within Ciller's DYP, angered by its partner's support of Islamist-led motions to have Ciller investigated for corruption.

Islamist leader Necmettin Erbakan declared the government dead and called on either of the coalition parties to break ranks and form a new one with his Welfare Party.

Kevoorkian acquitted again

PONTIAC, Mich. (Reuters) - A jury acquitted Dr. Jack Kevoorkian of assisted suicide charges for the third time in two years, pronouncing the right-to-die activist to declare a sweeping victory for his cause.

"I now consider this a legitimate medical service," Kevoorkian said of doctor-assisted suicide after the verdict. "I want guidelines set down by my colleagues."

Prosecutors, however, vowed to continue their fight to put the nation's most outspoken proponent of physician-assisted suicide behind bars.

"I'm not going to run my back on my oath of office to enforce the law just because of two jury verdicts," Richard Thompson, chief prosecutor for Oakland County, told a news conference.

Kevoorkian was charged in Oakland County Circuit Court with two counts of violating unwritten Michigan common law by helping two chronically ill women end their lives in a second cabin on Oct. 23, 1991.

Under instructions issued by Judge David Breck, prosecutors had to prove that Kevoorkian knew that Marjorie Wentz, 58, and Sherry Miller, 43, wanted to commit suicide, that he provided them with the means to do it and that he intended that his actions assist them in ending their lives.

But the six-woman, six-man panel of mostly young to middle-aged jurors said they never got past the idea that the common law premise of the prosecution's case

was flawed.

"We felt there was a lack of evidence regarding the interpretation of the common law, and that constitutes reasonable doubt," said jury foreman Dean Gauthier, 38, from Novi, Michigan.

Jurors, many of whom said they favored legalizing physician-assisted suicide, also said they believed Kevoorkian's argument that he acted to relieve pain and suffering - and not to cause death.

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A libel refuted

THE committee, headed by former attorney-general Yosef Harish, appointed after Yitzhak Rabin's assassination to investigate Bar-Ilan University, found what should have been self-evident. The university is neither a hotbed of political hooliganism nor a shelter for extremists and inciters. Assassin Yigal Amir could have studied at any institution of learning. He was an aberration whose actions were as unpredictable as they were sickening. "The atmosphere at Bar-Ilan University is balanced ... [one of] moderate religiosity imbued with respect for others," the report says. "No institution in Israel provides [such a] meeting place between the secular and the observant under one roof ... in a cultured, quiet, and relaxed atmosphere."

eration was an insult to other universities, are so clearly politically motivated that they cannot be taken seriously. But it must be hoped that the short chapter in the report in which the university was criticized for not dealing more firmly with Avishai Raviv and his followers will trigger a far more pertinent investigation. The fact is that Raviv, as the Shamgar Commission on the Rabin assassination confirmed, was a General Security Service agent. There can be not one iota of doubt that his activities on the Bar-Ilan campus - the agitation, incitement, and provocations he perpetrated - were all done at the bidding of his superiors at the GSS. To give the agency the benefit of the doubt, it may have really suspected that a dangerous underground cell existed at Bar-Ilan and sent Raviv to infiltrate it. But both at the university and in the settlements, Raviv acted not as an informer, but as an agent provocateur. That he was activated as such among the Judea-Samaria residents is reprehensible enough. That he functioned as a provocateur in a university - an assignment unprecedented in the country's known history - recalls the practices of the Czarist police and their Bolshevik successors. To allow information about his activities to remain in the Shamgar report's top-secret appendix is to cast a long, dark shadow on Israeli democracy. If nothing else, the Harish report should prompt the government to come clean and reveal what Shamgar has concealed. No democracy can tolerate the existence of such a dark, ugly secret for long.

Electoral shambles

IF India is the world's biggest democracy, it also provides the greatest example of Winston Churchill's oft-quoted quip that democracy is the worst system of government, except for any other. It is becoming increasingly common, whether a nation has one million or one billion people, for voters to deliver deadlocked election results. It seems to be an unexplored mathematical law that states drift irrevocably towards splitting evenly among support for main parties, leaving their future governance in the hands of the wheeler dealers of minor groups. In India, the Congress Party, which has ruled for all but four of its 48 years of independence, has been trounced by the electorate for disgraceful petty squabbling, corruption scandals, and dirty deals with provincial parties. But that has been the only clear outcome. The same voters have delivered a hung parliament to the horse traders they so obviously abhorred in Congress. With 534 of the 545 parliamentary contests counted, the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its committed allies won 195 seats. The Congress Party and allies won 138, its worst showing ever. The socialist National Front-Left Front (NF-LF) alliance won 117 seats, and the remaining 84 went to regional groups and independents. What it all adds up to is a long period of instability ahead. Clearly the BJP is the biggest winner. This is a party which gives nightmares to India's 120 million Moslems and a measure of unease even to many of its 754 million Hindus. Most non-

BJP supporters see it as a party of Hindu dominance - extreme nationalists set to undermine India's secular traditions by cutting special rights granted to Moslems in particular and non-Hindus in general. BJP also favors arming India with nuclear weapons, taking a more confrontational stand against Pakistan. Economically, it wants to restrict foreign investment, targeting consumer industries in particular. While BJP's policies are as clear as its electoral boost, it is equally apparent that it lacks the tools to do the job - a situation that may be more dangerous for India than actually doing it. If the worst comes to the worst in the eyes of BJP's opponents, they will have only themselves to blame. The collective opposition failed to meet the president's first deadline offering them 48 hours to unite behind an agreed leader and come up with a parliamentary majority. Although Congress said it would vote against BJP in a vote of confidence, it stuck to its old habits of putting machination before national interest. The suspicion is that the Congress leader, outgoing Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, simply couldn't persuade himself to accept second place to NF-LF leader H.D. Deve Gowda. If BJP leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee can cobble together a government against all the laws of arithmetic before the end of the month, few see it lasting long. The only thing likely to endure in Indian politics is the insatiable appetite of its politicians fiddling with their egos while the nation burns.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PERVERSION OF TRUTH

Sir, - A Baltimore Sun headline on May 2, "Clinton welcomes Arafat as an equal," made me very uncomfortable. Is President Clinton feeling equal to a man who allows a Hamas headquarters to operate freely in Gaza, an area now under Arafat's control? Ironically, Arafat met with Hamas right before the four bombings in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Now he is calling for Jerusalem to be the capital of "Palestine," a nonexistent state. Does President Clinton want to be a partner in giving Arafat Israel's capital (along with many other towns)? The "PNC" has not even officially changed the PLO charter that calls for Israel's destruction. In truth, Arafat's so-called "PNC" did not rescind the clauses that advocate the destruction of Israel, they only agreed to change some of them in the future, but did not say when. It could be six months or six years from now. The truth of Arafat's and some other Arab leaders' intentions has been revealed by Richard A. Hell-

man, attorney and founder of the Christian Israel Public Affairs Campaign (CIPAC). He stated: "When the peace process began, it was said that there would be a purpose in making peace with Israel. But when a newspaper reporter asked the foreign minister of Saudi Arabia what the purpose of the Madrid Peace Conference and process was, he shot back immediately, 'It is to recover Jerusalem for Islam, for the Arab people.' The reporter said, of course, he meant East Jerusalem, but that's not true. The foreign minister of Saudi Arabia and most Arabs say, 'No, we want all of Jerusalem and we want all of Israel.' Does President Clinton feel equal to a man and an ally who wants all of Israel? It's time America and Israel face the truth of this so-called peace process and get out of their frozen state of denials. A perversion of justice and truth cannot produce peace. BARBARA ANN BLOOM, President, Peace through truth, Inc. Jerusalem (Owings Mills, Maryland).

HORSE RACING

Sir, - You do not want this "sport" in Israel. Granted it brings more revenue to the country. But at what cost... More spouse abuse, more divorces, men not paying attention to their work because their minds are on the horse races, men being fired from their jobs.

think only of the revenue, but not of the heartbreak gambling causes its victims. I am not an Israeli. I was, however married to an Israeli who loved the races. Today, he is back in Israel without a penny, waiting for the races to begin in your country. YARDIT ZAFRI North York, Canada.

THE PRIME MINISTER

Sir, - In Susan Harris Role's article of April 29, "Opting against, not for," I learned several important things: 1. "There is no doubt that Peres is much more likely than Netanyahu to reach an agreement with Syria involving complete Israeli withdrawal from the Golan." 2. "The prime minister has difficulty with making people feel fully confident in him." 3. "It isn't easy to explain what it is about Peres that makes people mistrust him." 4. "He tries too hard to please and impress everyone." 5. "The man is actually not a very deep thinker." These quotes from a super-pro-Labor writer should be enough to convince anyone that Peres should not be elected prime minister. NANCY CHERNOFSKY Jerusalem.

FAIR DEAL

Sir, - When one Israeli soldier is killed or a bus of innocent people blows up on account of the Arabs, the heart of every Israeli is broken. Never do they show the families which are broken up, or the little children dead or bleeding to death in a bombing. But when Israel fights back in self-defense and kills Arabs, CNN makes it like the world is coming to an end. All they show are Arab families crying over dead children and loved ones. When is the press ever going to give Israel a fair deal? ISAAC EVER Miami Beach, Florida.

POSTSCRIPTS

- YET MORE excerpts from "101 Bizarre Book Titles":
 - 100 Years of British Rail Catering (1979)
 - Child Spacing in Tropical Africa (1981)
 - The Color of Horses (1983)
 - Thermal Movements in the Upper Floor of a Multi-Storey Car Park (1994)
 - Napoleon's Glands and Other Ventures in Biohistory (1984)
 - The Theory of Lengthwise Rolling (1983)
 - Best Bike Rides in the Mid-Atlantic (1994)
 - The Encyclopedia of Medical Ignorance (1983)
 - The Pathology of the Aging Rat: Part Two (1995)
 - 50 New Poodle Grooming Styles (1981)
 - New Guinea Tapeworms and Jewish Grandmothers: Tales of Parasites and People (1995)
 - The Bat House Builders Handbook (1994)
 - The Complete Suicide Handbook (1993)
 - Organizing Deviance (1982)
 - Scurvy Past And Present (1982)

UNLESS WE'RE missing something here, this looks like outrageous editorialization: a story in the Swiss *Neue Zurcher Zeitung*, originating from Reuters, refers to Bethlehem - in a straight news report - as being in "Westjordanland." Such creative journalism! J. Rich

A FINNISH teacher and child welfare group have launched a "How to Make Children" board game to get teenage schoolboys interested in the reproductive

POSTSCRIPTS

- side of sex. "Everybody gets pregnant in the game, even the boys," Seija Sihvola of the Mannerheim League for Child Welfare which helped devise the game, told reporters. "The game, which also teaches children about the effects of parental smoking and alcohol on a baby's health, is proving highly popular with children aged 14-15 who play by throwing a sperm-and-egg dice to hit a fertility square in mid-ovulation." "The kids can hardly wait to play," Sihvola said. "They take a natural interest in reproduction."
- THE QUEBEC government banned a selection of kosher-for-Passover foods because they were politically incorrect: they didn't include French labeling. Jewish leaders in Montreal said the province's language watchdogs went too far in warning that kosher products imported for Passover were illegal. "It's not just a Jewish problem," said Lawrence Bergman, who represents a heavily Jewish area of Montreal in the Quebec legislature. "It's a question of human dignity and religious freedom." Just before Passah, Quebec's French Language Office (FLO) ordered a food distributor to remove products from store shelves because of their English-only labels. Leaders of the 101,000-member Jewish community were in an uproar, because they believed the government had given tacit permission for the sale of English-labeled products. Moreover, the English labeling appears to be

within the rules set out by the FLO. A Quebec cabinet minister, Andre Boisclair, who is responsible for relations with citizens, criticized the FLO. "I am concerned over the behavior of some members of the [FLO]," he told reporters. "I find it was clumsy for the Office to proceed at this time." The president of the FLO, Nicole Rene, later assured the Jewish community that for next year, "we will certainly reach an agreement" to grant Passover foods a permanent exemption to the labeling law. The controversy took an unexpected turn when members of Montreal's large Sephardi community expressed resentment to being accused of complaining that the products did not have French labels. MANAGERS OF a struggling Russian industrial plant haven't been able to pay workers in rubles - so they've started paying them in bras instead. The unconventional reimbursement was offered recently by the Eniknash machine-building plant in Voronezh. The company apparently had traded some of its industrial product, which is in low demand, for a shipment of the Chinese-made bras. Other enterprises in the city have found similar ways of settling wage debts: A TV manufacturer offers employees a choice of payments: candy, vodka or cement. Another plant offers workers cheap women's coats. Other popular offers are textiles, lamps and saucers.



Genie out of the bottle

IN her new book *God has Ninety-Nine Days*, Judith Miller, one of a long line of *New York Times* reporters with a pronounced anti-Israel tilt, points out that one of the fastest-growing Islamic movements in the Middle East is within Israel.

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

She reminds her readers that Israeli Arabs were "disappointed" by Saddam Hussein's defeat in the Gulf War. Arab intellectuals compare Israeli Jews to "Nazis, crusader-like snakes and Satan's disciples." Miller relates how Israeli Arabs hacked three soldiers to death in a Galilee army camp. She asserts that Israeli Arabs have an "intense identification with Palestine and the Arab cause despite their Israeli identity cards and citizenship."

among Arab voters for the way the Israeli army had acted in Lebanon. Israel is a democratic country, whose Arab citizens have equal rights. But it is worth mentioning some of Miller's reminders of where the sympathies of Israeli Arabs lie. The Norwegians branded the supporters of the Nazis as

A fifth column threatens Israel, and Shimon Peres is opening the door to it

Labor ministers woo Arab audiences with bountiful goodies, as *Ha'aretz* described on April 21 and 22, at the height of Operation Grapes of Wrath. As a result, former government Arab adviser Shmuel Toledano is convinced that 95 percent of Israeli Arabs will support Shimon Peres. Explains MK Abdel Wahab Darawshe, a leader of the Islamic list: "Peres has promised to improve living conditions for Israel's 850,000 Arabs." And Labor ministers like Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Uzi Baram say they want the number of Arabs who turn out for the vote to rise from the 1992 figure of 60 percent to 80 percent. Israeli Arabs used last month's incident in Kana as a pretext to rage against the government. But even before that tragic event Peres was making efforts to appease his Arab allies. His abrupt decision to make concessions to the Syrian-Iranian backers of Hizbullah in order to achieve a speedy "agreement" was primarily driven by his determination to fly to Washington to receive Bill Clinton's endorsement for the elections. But he was influenced, too, by the groundswell of hostility

page devoted to the "return to Haifa." There were similar articles devoted to Arabs returning to places like Beit Guvvin, west of Jerusalem. Once there is a Palestinian state the Arabization of the rest of Israel will continue, step by step. Nabil Shaath, who is close to Yasser Arafat, recently declared in public that the return of Palestinians to Israel would be made easier by the presence of "30,000 of our armed people in the areas we control." Threats by Arafat's henchmen to relaunch the intifada if the Jews do not give in to their ever-ambitious demands demonstrate how difficult it will be to put the genie back to sleep once Arabs control the Knesset. This scenario seems more and more likely every day that passes, as the election may produce a close result. There is a simple solution to the danger of so much power devolving upon a hostile element within the state. The Knesset already has laws to disqualify any legislator who is a member of a movement that is self-protective instead of by-lawing the Kach party. Surely it is obligated to do no less for any pro-Islamic group preaching a holy war against Jews? It is time the Likud stopped wasting its time trying to persuade Israeli Arabs to vote for them. They aren't going to do so. Netanyahu's duty is to thunder out loud and clear the mortal danger that today faces the Zionist Jewish State of Israel. Inane slogans like "Peace with Security" are as futile as moist cotton wool wads flung at a stone wall. They are all the more pathetic when there is a Trojan horse already within the gates. For Israeli Arabs the establishment of a Palestinian state is just a beginning. On May 10, the Palestinian *Al-Kuds* newspaper had almost a full



Our own good

ESTHER HERTZOG

WHY didn't we women realize it before? It almost seems the best thing we could do is cast our vote for the haredi parties. Why? Because, absurd as it sounds, the haredim seem to be doing a better job of representing our interests than we are doing ourselves. Then we won't have to go on being let down time and again by the women's organizations, and by the supposedly egalitarian left-wing parties. The haredim have already proven themselves as promoters of feminist interests. Take those offensive, women-exploiting advertising posters. The haredim succeeded - where we women failed - in getting the posters off the streets. When feminists protested about the harm the posters were doing them, the only result was that women found themselves accused of pettiness, sanctimoniousness, and militancy. But the objections of the haredim were respected both in the media and in political circles as a legitimate protest against the infringement of the sensitivities of a wide group, and the haredim earned praise for demanding more legitimate ways of waging the consumer war in the open market. It's a pity they've left us on our own up against those Tapuzina fruit juice ads - but, as the haredim point out, their society isn't big on TV-watching. If women vote for them and they take over the education ministry, they can fight for women's honor on TV as well.

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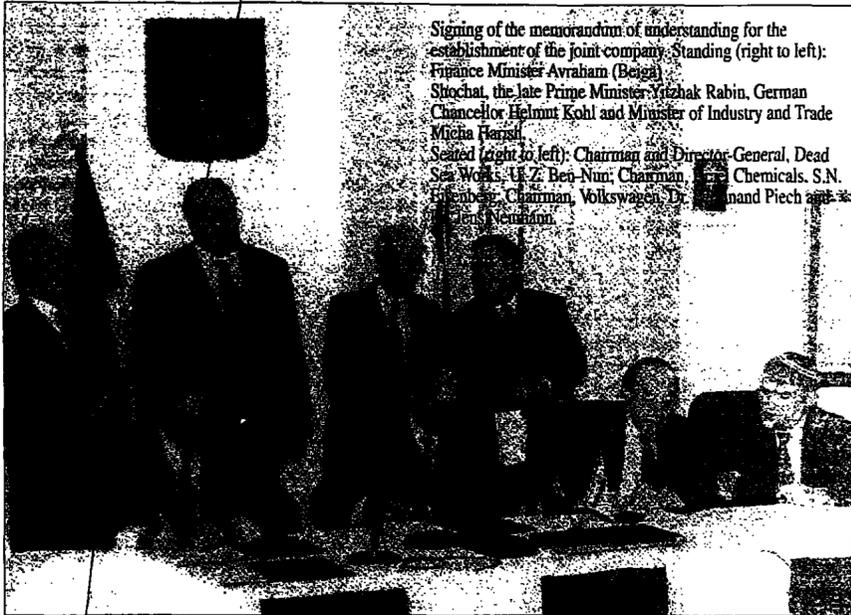
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Dead Sea Magnesium Ltd.

Joint Enterprise of the Dead Sea Works and the Volkswagen Company - a new era in Israel's economy.



Signing of the memorandum of understanding for the establishment of the joint company. Standing (right to left): Finance Minister Avraham (Beiga) Shochat, the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Minister of Industry and Trade Micha Harish.
Seated (right to left): Chairman and Director-General, Dead Sea Works, U.Z. Ben-Nun; Chairman, Israel Chemicals, S.N. Eisenberg; Chairman, Volkswagen, Dr. Ferdinand Piech and Dr. Hans Neumann.

Today, May 16, 1996, marks a new era in Israel's economy. With the signing of the partnership agreement between the Dead Sea Works of the Israel Chemicals Group (65 per cent) and the Volkswagen Company (35 per cent), for the establishment of a metal magnesium plant by the Dead Sea Magnesium Ltd., Israel is moving into the metallurgical industry and the development of additional magnesium products.

THINKING MAGNESIUM

In 1991 the Dead Sea Works set up a team to examine the possibility of establishing a metal magnesium plant in Israel. During the next three and a half years, economic feasibility tests were held, a search was made for sources of know-how, market research was conducted, and all necessary authorizations were arranged. Finally, on September 9, 1993, approval was obtained to set up the plant. At the beginning of 1994, a meeting was held between the Director-General of the Dead Sea Works, Uri Zvi Ben-Nun, and the Chairman of Volkswagen, Dr. Ferdinand Piech. This meeting between the head of the largest automotive concern in Europe and one of the largest in the world (with an annual turnover of \$75 billion), who expressed considerable interest in producing spare parts for cars from magnesium, and the person who would soon be responsible for penetrating the world market with high quality and competitively priced magnesium, led to negotiations and an eventual agreement to establish a joint company with an investment of approximately \$750 million which would produce magnesium to the amount of 27,500 tons a year in the initial stage, and 55,000 tons a year in the second stage. Thanks to the Dead Sea Magnesium Co., thousands of workers will be able to find employment in the Negev. The plant, now being constructed by Sedom over an area of 250 dunams, is the first of a series to be set up under the terms of the new partnership. There is already talk of building a plant for producing magnesium components for cars. The person who will head this plant will be appointed today. The plant for magnesium casting at Kibutz Orta and the plant for magnesium powder at Yeruham were set up as a result of the Sedom factory.

MAGNESIUM RESEARCH INSTITUTE

As part of the agreement establishing the Magnesium Dead Sea Works Ltd., tens of millions of dollars have been earmarked for a magnesium research institute to be created at Ben-Gurion University in Beer Sheva in which hundreds of scientists will engage in research in magnesium. Up to now, \$30 million have been promised by the Volkswagen Company, \$5 million by a Japanese electronics concern, the Magnet Program will invest \$10 million in the institute and the Chief Scientist will allocate the institute approximately \$20 million. The institute will also create a Department of Magnesium in the Materials Engineering Faculty at Ben-Gurion University. M.S. and doctoral candidates will carry out projects which will propel Israel into the forefront of international research in magnesium and its uses. This applied research will be utilized by the newly-formed company for all its production goals.

CONSTRUCTION AND RUNNING-IN

Four hundred companies, suppliers and contractors, employing some 10,000 workers on all levels, are involved in the construction of the new plant. The running-in of the construction and actual production are slated for the end of this year.

MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

In 1992 Dan Olami (M.Sc. in Engineering and Management from Ben-Gurion University), who has been with the Dead Sea Works since 1959, was chosen to head the project for constructing the magnesium plant. At the beginning of 1996, it was decided that as of today Olami would serve as Director-General of the Magnesium Dead Sea Works Ltd. A new epoch is opening in Israel's economy - hundreds of workers are making it possible to supply work for thousands of other workers in a large number of plants to produce Israeli magnesium whose high quality and reasonable price ensure it a leading role in the international magnesium field" - thus the new Director-General foresees the company's activities in the next few years.

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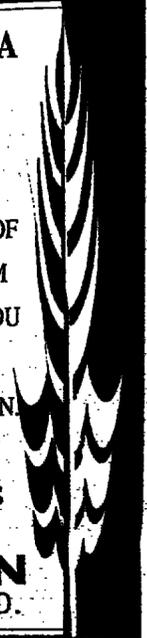
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Inverness Castle is one of the many charming haunts of Highlanders. Almost everyone who visits a Scottish castle finds themselves fantasizing about the past and its legends.



Myth & Enchantment

The Brave of Heart Are Flocking to Scotland



Breathtaking views of rolling greens are easy to come by during equestrian activities.

By Mary Gillespie

INVERNESS, SCOTLAND—Time is a slippery thing in the Scottish Highlands. You may think you have a firm grip on it. But centuries have a funny way of sliding around here, knocking your seemingly solid, *fin de siècle* worldview on its ear.

Happened to me. Alone in an ancient stone circle at Clava Cairns, where prehistoric people knew what we've forgotten, I felt a little electric *frisson* that became familiar during my Scottish sojourns. Walking Culloden Moor on a blustery morning, musing on the bloody ends of so many blindly loyal Highland clansmen, there it was again: that odd instant of double vision when the past cleanly pierces the surface of the present.

They used to call it enchantment. Winding along remote single-track roads through lush leas and barren moonscapes, puffing up the stone steps of crumbling castles, taking tea by open hearths, I realized I was at a loss for a better word.

Understand: I never meant to fall in love. My enchantment with Scotland began as just another assignment—one I wasn't too sure about. Did I really need bagpipes, kilt kitsch and a national dish made of sheep's intestines?

Still, when I was invited last year to hit the "Rob Roy" trail through central Scotland, I was curious to see the place that was becoming such a tourist magnet. Scotland's hipness as a travel destination shows no

signs of slowing down. No problem. It was the scenery I was after all along.

In Scotland, I found myself exactly where I wanted to be—primed for a little time-travel. Inverness, gateway to the Highlands, is the perfect setting for such an endeavor: Quaint and lathered in charm, it straddles centuries with aplomb. Though the town of about 60,000 features all conceivable modern conveniences and is growing at an almost alarming rate—there are actually city-weary Londoners buying homes in Inverness and commuting to work by plane—Inverness, with a church on nearly every corner, still has a firm grip on its old-world allure.

The famous loch is nearby, but it's the picturesque

River Ness (Inverness means "mouth of the Ness") that runs through the heart of town, punctuated with footbridges for walkers and lined with bed-and-breakfasts with water views. On a hill at its center is the requisite castle—a comparatively new one as castles go. It's now used as a courthouse.

Tourist-friendly without obsequiousness, Inverness is a perfectly located base for day trips: castle-rummaging, hill-walking, touring the mountains by car or whatever Highland pursuit feels right on a given morning. (For

golfers, there are seemingly zillions of courses...but that's another story. See page 2.)

In search of myths, legends and enchantment, I was off to Castle Urquhart. Climbing the circular stone steps of the astonishing ruin on Loch Ness, it



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Blackwolf Runs two courses provide an element of chance.

Around the World in 18 Holes

By Tonje Kilen

Golf is a sport that inspires the craziest actions, and one that is surrounded by the extraordinary occurrences. Case in point: Golf enthusiast Floyd Rood became the only golfer to hit a ball from one coast of the United States to the other. Rood used 114,737 strokes and 13 months to traverse the 3,397-mile, losing 3,511 balls along the way.

Extreme? Perhaps. But this game of chance warrants extreme behavior. You never do know where the ball will land. Much to his chagrin, Hale Irwin hit a shot into a woman's chest in 1973. The ball lodged in her bra. According to the rules, Irwin was instructed to remove the ball from the obstruction. The woman was, under the circumstances, allowed to remove the ball herself. Golf is full of surprises, and even the pros are caught with their pants down. Like Payne Stewart, who in 1988, lost his signature knickers in a wager with three women pros. He bet that he would beat their best shot. If not, he would relinquish his pants. Stewart, it would seem, underestimated his opponents. Romantic even. But what is it about this sport that has such a hypnotic hold on people all over the world?

It's true that almost every civilization throughout the course of history has developed a sport based on hitting a ball with a stick. Sport aside, however, you could visit a number of courses and just enjoy nature. A country's climate and landscape often dictate a golf course's landscape. Each new course becomes not only a new challenge, but a lesson in geography. Before you dust off your clubs this spring, take a look at what the world has to offer in 18 holes.

OUT THERE

For most, Kenya conjures up images of the wild: lions, zebras and safaris. Not Golf. But Windsor Golf and Country Club in Nairobi, Kenya, home to rolling hills, lush fairways and fast greens, offers just that. Golf in Kenya. Go figure.

The course weaves through an indigenous forest where players might catch sight of a monkey or two. At a mile above sea level, it's a good thing the ball travels far in the thin air because this course is long. Measuring 7,232 yards from end to end, Windsor is longer than most of the world's top courses. On a clear day, you can see the snow-capped peaks of Mount Kenya, 17,040 feet high.

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With just 17 percent of this mountainous land mass suitable for cultivation, land is at a premium in Japan. And while you might expect Bonsai or Cherry trees, most Japanese courses could sadly be transplanted to Florida. What the Phoenix Hotels and Resort in Miyazaki-city, Japan, does promote, however, is female caddies.

EUROPE

While the exact origin of the game remains in question, most agree that the linksland of Scotland is at the center of golf's development. A links course by definition is one set by the sea. Wind is one of the greater challenges on a links course, as there are very few trees surrounding the holes and fairways. To this day, Scotland and Ireland are home to some of the world's most challenging and stunning golf courses.

St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland is the world's oldest surviving course. While the essential challenge of links golf lies intact, St. Andrews will boggle golfers with more than the ever-present wind. Subtle borrows on the greens, random humps and hidden bunkers are just a taste of the course's challenge—or potential frustration.

St. Andrews Dukes course lies above the charming historic town of Fife, laden with old world charm, woolen mills and pubs.

Golf conditions in Ireland can be hazardous, especially since legend says it rains sideways in Ireland. With treacherous winds and volatile seaside conditions, what exactly does golf in Ireland have going for it? Ballybunion in County Kerry, Ireland, is where the River Shannon empties into the Atlantic, where the first green lines a graveyard decorated with Celtic crosses, where the world's top golfers are continually perplexed. And in case you're wondering, the graveyard is out of bounds.

Adare Manor Golf Club in County Limerick, Ireland, features a championship course that took four years to complete. It was worth the wait, as the course passes the remains of a 14th-century monastery and a stunning stone manor house. Surrounded by verdant, lush Irish countryside, Adare

Manor is a beautiful setting to experience the Emerald Isle's golf.

While you might find Ireland and Scotland's temperate climate suitable for year-round golf, Switzerland has another course to consider: snow white tee times.

Arosa is one of Switzerland's highest golf courses. At 6,070 feet above sea level, you can experience mountainous obstacles like steep slopes and trying rocky ridges. And for the truly adventurous, there's snow golf.

THE SUNBELT

At Palmilla and Cabo del Sol in Los Cabos, Mexico, the Sea of Cortez borders the entire right side of the course, serving as a spectacular water hazard. In one of the world's top deep sea fishing locations, Cabo del Sol and Palmilla combine the desert environs at the tip of the Mexico's Baja Peninsula, the sea and a Jack Nicklaus design to create an unforgettable golfing location.

The golf course at Half Moon Golf, Tennis and Beach Club in Montego Bay, Jamaica, was carved out of a sugar plantation. Designed by Robert Trent Jones, Half Moon presents golfers with some outstanding challenges, like a double bunker on the 18th hole. For those golfers who find sink less balls than they lose, there's always Planter's Punch, a local drink waiting at the 19th hole.

EASTERN UNITED STATES

Located in the heart of Florida's Gold Coast is the Boca Raton Resort & Club in Boca Raton, Florida. This course boasts some of the top prizes like "Silver Scott" Tommy Ajeta, Shannon's Sammy Sneed and now features the Dave Peitz Short Game School, one of the only short game learning centers in the U.S.

The plush, though at times swampy, landscape named green golfing challenge was initially designed by William Flynn in 1926, redesigned by Robert Trent Jones in 1956, and then totally renovated in 1988 by Joe Lee.

The Equinox, in Manchester Village, Vermont, is located in the Green Mountains of Vermont, characterized by verdant rolling countryside and white church steeples. The real hazard here could just be the New England Churn.

In a land of great outdoors, of hiking, skiing and fly fishing, course architects Walter Travis and Rees Jones haven't overlooked the key element to a great course: challenge.

You could play a different course every day of the week at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club in Pinehurst, North Carolina. There is not an ocean backdrop, mountain view or desert setting to make this one of the top golfing destinations in the world. Just North Carolina green, a lot of it.

Famed designers and world-class pros guarantee an outstanding sporting experience, while a host of pro tournaments contribute to the allure.

Closer to Chicago, Treetops Sylvan Resort in Gaylord, Michigan, is one of the first resorts to become a member of the National Audubon Society. The emphasis on landscape and breathtaking views of the Pigeon River Valley is of the essence in this northern Michigan getaway.

For avid golfers, however, Treetops' three expertly-designed courses are the main attraction. Robert Trent Jones, Tom Fazio and Rick Smith have all put their names on this verdant golf mecca's courses.

WESTERN UNITED STATES

Carved out of the desert hillside, these Jack Nicklaus signature courses use interesting links-style combinations and obstacles which take advan-



Adare Manor Golf Club in County Limerick, Ireland lies next to a stunning manor house.

HOUSE PARTY

Imagine a week-long family house party in the English countryside, perhaps in the Lake District, or the woods of East Sussex, or maybe on the coast of Cornwall. It sounds like something out of a Merchant/Ivory movie—and just as expensive.

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TRAVEL TIDBITS

Foul weather can wreak havoc with the best-laid vacation plans. According to the United States Tour Operators Association, tour operators are not legally responsible for

acts of nature (blizzards, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc.), but most will try to assist their customers in any way possible.

Some tips for the USTOA: Contact your travel agent, who will work with the tour operator.

Find out if the company organizing your trip has a toll-free customer service number.

Find out if the company will allow you to reschedule your vacation dates without paying a penalty charge.

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TRAVEL TIP

How people 50-plus travel



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World



Ballyvaunion in County Kerry, Ireland, is where the River Shannon empties into the Atlantic.

range of the possibilities this desert landscape offers. Most of the tees at the four Desert Mountain courses in Scottsdale, Arizona feature higher-up tees, stretches of desert and few patches of green. You need to be a straight shooter on these courses. Beware: the greens are quick.

The Boulders Resort and Golf Club, Carefree, Arizona, is another spectacular desert location. Boulders, however, is mostly green and highlights huge boulders throughout.

Pebble Beach in California by the ocean, chal-

lenges golfers with wind and water, like the links courses in Scotland and Ireland. Renowned internationally, Pebble Beach is one of the most fantastic golf destinations in the world.

against attacking Chippewa and Menominee Indians.

Comprised of The River Course and The Meadow Valleys Course, Blackwolf Run's 36 holes complement the glorious natural surroundings. The River Course boasts panoramic views of the Sheboygan River which weaves its way into several of the holes. The Meadow Valleys Course is characterized by rolling hills, but pothole bunkers and long roughs pose a great challenge for unsuspecting players.

Besides hosting the Motorola Western Open, Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont, Ill., is known as one of the top public golf facilities in the country. The No. 4 Dubsread Course won increasing respect from the pros when the Western Open was moved to Cog Hill from Butler National Country Club in 1991.

Another hot spot is Kemper Lakes Golf Course in Long Grove, Ill. The original marshland and prairie serve as natural hazards in this public, daily fee course which also boasts water on 10 of the 18 holes. Kemper Lakes also has the honor of having hosted one of pro golf's majors, the 1989 PGA Championships.

DIAMONDS IN THE HEARTLAND'S ROUGHS

Who would guess that the midwest, an area of the U.S., home to bitter, never-ending winters and flat, flat countryside is a veritable golf mecca? The heartland is, in fact, rated amongst the top golf locales in the U.S., second only to the Monterey Peninsula in California and the Phoenix-Scottsdale in Arizona.

Blackwolf Run in Kohler, Wisconsin, is all about chance. Renowned course designer Pete Dye explains, "I put a gambling element into the course where a player might be greatly awarded for taking a chance." Perhaps that explains the name. Black Wolf was a famous Winnebago Indian chief who heroically led his outnumbered tribe

Tonje Kilen is the editor of the Jerusalem Post Traveler.



The Boca Raton in Florida is a plush, verdant getaway for golfers.



Growing in popularity, snow golf in Switzerland is quite an adventure.

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11.) Half Moon Golf, Tennis and Beach Club, Montego Bay, Jamaica
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Par: 72
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Green Fees: \$220-\$270
Par: Suniyoshi 36, Takachiho 36, Nishinan 36
81/985-21-1114

15.) Pinehurst Resort and Country Club, North Carolina
Green Fees: Seasonal \$40-\$172
Par: No. 1: 70/73, No. 2: 72/74, No. 3: 71/72, No. 4: 72/73, No. 5: 72/73, No. 6-8: 72
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only took a wee time shift to imagine myself among its 14th-century inhabitants: scanning the water for the *eisch uisge*—the water horse, as the ancients called Nessie.

The landscape is littered with those who staunchly believe they've seen her. One such "sighter" is an 86-year-old monk at Fort Augustus Abbey—a place in which even the most grounded visitor feels the pull of the past. Originally built as an English military fort to subdue the Highlanders, the abbey's imposing Victorian buildings eventually came into the hands of Benedictine fathers who these days offer historic presentations and tours. (Not to mention reports of long necks appearing out of churning waters.)

The more I saw of the Highlands, the more I realized there was no end to the time I could spend exploring small wonders like the abbey and overnighting at the likes of the Loch Torridon Hotel—an astonishing find at the end of a single-track road in Wester Ross (near where "Loch Ness" was filmed)—where red-headed, yak-like Highland cows nibble the grass at the foot of the mountain in the front yard.

All those castles, meanwhile, threw my legend-gathering into overdrive. Rummaging through my brain for the reason Cawdor Castle rang familiar, I came up with the reference in "Macbeth." A local friend instantly produced a legend: Seems William Cawdor had a dream from which he awoke knowing he must build a castle. He loaded a donkey with gold and let it wander around until it came to rest, as his dream had dictated. When the laden beast collapsed under a thorn tree, Cawdor started building. (The petrified thorn tree, my friend assured me, is still there.)

It didn't take me long to figure out that if it was legends I was looking for, all I had to do was scratch the surface of a Scot. Ask the right questions at the pub, show enough interest at the bed-and-breakfast, and out pops a tale from the most taciturn type. (Most lodgers worth their salt can come up with a haunted room.) Hit upon a yarn-spinner like young William Fraser of the Lovat Arms in Beaulieu, who soaked up the art of storytelling at his grandfather's knee, and your tale might include a ghost, a fairy or some deliciously inexplicable event.

Even the worldliest aristocrats have tales to tell. Take Philippa Grant, the very 20th-century lady of the manor at Rothiemurchus, a 25,000-acre Highlands estate in the breathtaking Cairngorm massif that's open to visitors who want to hike, fish and pursue other classic Highland pastimes.

Just behind the Grant family estate house, a 16th-century structure known as the Doune, sits a rather inconvenient little mound with a ring of trees on top. It is, Philippa reports, a fairy hill. She and her husband John Grant (whose family has owned the property since 1580, and whose ancestor wrote the famous 19th-century period piece "Memoir of a Highland Lady") know it's a fairy hill because legend has it that generations ago, when the then-resident dared to chop into it to make room for an addition to the house, enough grisly



The hands of time seem to move back centuries when you are in the Scottish Highlands visiting the ruins of Castle Urquhart which rests on the banks of Loch Ness.

Photos by Mary Gillespie

occurrences befell the family to end their residence there.

Workers are now busy renovating the Doune. Their orders are straightforward: Don't mess with that hill. ("Why take chances?" Philippa asks.)

The thoroughly modern Grants and their ancient fairy hill are a fitting metaphor for the Scottish experience: In a country where castles have e-mail addresses, there remains a healthy respect for the old things—the things of myth and legend. The things that make Highland time so slippery.

My advice? There's as much to feel about the place as there is to see. Go with it. As time travel goes, it's an enchanting ride.

SCOTLAND OFFERS SPIRITED LOCATION FOR HISTORICAL ADVENTURE NOVELS

The Scottish Highlands are "truly haunted." Just ask Diana Gabaldon.

"I'm not talking about ghosts or scary things," says the author of a best-selling series of historical adventure novels set near Inverness. "It's just that when you're there you get a very pleasant, very poignant sense that the spirits of the past are close."

The first time I visited, I had the distinct feeling of having been there before," recalls the 44-year-old Gabaldon, who admits to having "picked Scotland on a whim" as the setting for *Outlander*, *Dragonfly in Amber*, *Voyager* and the soon-to-be-released *Drums of Autumn*, her quirky quartet of Scottish time-travel tales that continue to attract a major cult following in this country.

Gabaldon, who lives in Arizona, confesses she had no money to travel to the U.K. nation when she needed to research *Outlander*. So she pulled dates, customs—even 18th-century vernacular—out of her local library. She did it so convincingly that her books are some of the few works of fiction on sale at the visitor's center at Culloden Moor near Inverness.

Culloden is the site of the bloody 1746 battle pitting Hanoverian troops against loyal Highlanders defending Bonnie Prince Charlie's attempt to recapture the Scottish throne. The Highlanders were decimated in the battle, the 250th anniversary of which is being commemorated this past April. The result was a seismic historical event for Scotland that, among other things, effectively ended the Highland clan way of life.

Though Culloden and the Highlands are central to her plots, "It wasn't until halfway through my second book that I got the money to go traipsing across the Atlantic to actually see these places," recalls the woman whose first career was as a Ph.D.-level ecologist and marine biologist. "I was just following the feeling I got about the area when I read about it. The sort of bittersweet romance of the place was so intriguing."

She's planning to visit again on a media tour to promote *Drums of Autumn*. And there's talk, she says, of a film or miniseries based on the books, which might prompt another trip.

"I'm finding that what I heard is true," muses Gabaldon. "Once you've let Scotland into your head and your heart, I don't think you're ever quite the same again."

Mary Gillespie's trip was sponsored by the Scottish Tourist Board.

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The Town House is an Inverness charmer.

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GETTING THERE

Inverness is the gateway to the Highlands—the base from which to hire a car and tour the area. You can fly in direct from London on British Airways, which connects to Inverness on its Chicago-London route. Or, it's about three and a half hours by car from Edinburgh, slightly longer—and very beautiful—by ScotRail train. (If you're traveling through London and want to try ScotRail, stop in at the Scottish Tourist Board office there for a great deal on a multi-day rail pass.) For information on Highlands accommodations and events, write to The Highlands of Scotland Tourist Board Information Centre, Aviemore, Inverness-shire, PH22 1PP, Scotland, or Inverness Tourist Information Centre, Castle Wynd Inverness, IV2 3BJ, Scotland.

STAYING THERE

There are innumerable castle, hotel and bed-and-breakfast accommodations to choose from in the Highlands; Inverness is eminently tourist-friendly. Among the most interesting:

- The Kingshills, Inverness: Centrally located, upscale hotel with restaurant.
- Culduthel Lodge, Inverness: A gem of a bed-and-breakfast (also offering dinner) that has all the luxury of a hotel with the warmth of a private home—not to mention a location that's five minutes' walk from the center of town.
- Culloden House Hotel, Inverness: Not only do you get lovely period accommodations and top-notch food—you get Ian McKenzie the proprietor, who doubles as a raconteur and historical scholar. (Ask for his stories of Bonnie Prince Charlie.)
- Loch Torridon Hotel, Wester Ross: For luxury and majestic scenery, nothing beats this gorgeous accommodation at the end of a winding, single-track Highland road. Some of the best haggis in the Highlands.
- The Lovat Arms, Beaulieu near Inverness: For a good ghost story, just ask proprietor William Fraser—he learned quite a few at the knee of his shenachie (storyteller) grandfather. Every one of his guest rooms is tricked out in a different tartan.
- Castle Stuart, near Inverness: If it's a real castle you want—complete with ghost and hidden passageways—this is the place. Rent one room or the whole place—eight bedrooms—for a private party.

—Mary Gillespie

Unraveling the Loch Ness Mystery

The monk is 86 now, and his hearing is failing. But his eyes still work just fine, he says—just as they did on that crisp October morning in 1972 when, he swears, he saw the Loch Ness monster.

"I was being visited by a prominent organist from London, and we decided to take a walk to see the view from the jetty," recalls Father Gregory Bussey of Fort Augustus Abbey, a Benedictine monastery on the banks of Loch Ness. "As we stood there, there was suddenly a tremendous churning of water about 300 yards away. Then a great neck appeared—it was at least five feet up out of the water—and moved toward the middle of the loch. After 20 or 30 seconds, it was gone, and we stood there, stunned."

The stories of "sightings" like Father Gregory are in vogue these days, thanks to "Loch Ness," a feature film starring Ted Danson shot in the Highlands and slated for release here in the fall. In it, Danson plays a burned-out scientist dispatched against his will to flush out the mystery of Nessie once and for all.

As a real scientist who's studied the loch for 28 years, his coordinator Adrian Shine of the Loch Ness outdoor center takes issue with the film's liberal stretching of scientific truth. But he welcomes the publicity the movie is bringing the loch, which he believes is growing as an attraction not only for monster-seekers but for eco-tourists interested in Britain's largest and most mysterious freshwater body.

"Shine can't pooch-pooch Hollywood's liberties too much. He's well aware that it's the mostly monster-mad fans who flock to the Loch Ness Monster Exhibition Centre, buying tickets and souvenirs, who support his research."

"The loch is of tremendous scientific importance because it is a thin episode," says Shine, who calls himself a pragmatist but admits he has an open mind about the existence of a Nessie. "It's a very deep, broad, quiet lake, and the sediments are laid down in such a way as to tell historical happenings from air far back as glacial times."

Core samples—undisturbed for as many as 10,000 years in the cold, still waters—clearly show stratified evidence of the industrial revolution, nuclear fallout and increasing pollution levels.

What's more, it was Father Gregory's neighbor Valerie White, a self-declared "logical, practical person" who lives across the road from Cawdor Castle on the loch's banks, back again and again to the loch. It's the experience she says she had on Sept. 29 of 1958.

Stuck in traffic, my going out onto the loch, she says she suddenly saw "what looked like a large boat tumbled over, upside down. It was 25 to 20 feet long, and as I watched it rose about 3 feet into the air. It moved slowly for awhile, then disappeared. I'm convinced it was alive."

George Edwards, who's run passenger boats on the loch for years, also claims to have seen the monster. In fact, he reports "14 or 15 sightings" since his first on June 6, 1987.

"I was out with my son fishing when something appeared," Edwards recalls. "It was a large brown lump about a half-mile away. We watched it glide for about 25 minutes."

"I had seen things before that I couldn't explain, but I was slow to believe in a monster," he adds. "Now, though, I have no doubt." He won't show the photos he claims to have taken, he says, because he doesn't want to start a "massed media frenzy" that would spoil this unique and beautiful place.

Monster or no, there's plenty in Loch Ness still to be discovered, believes Shine. "If people come to see a monster or a film session, that's not a bad thing," he believes. "Whatever gets them here, once they've seen the magic of the loch, they'll never forget the experience."

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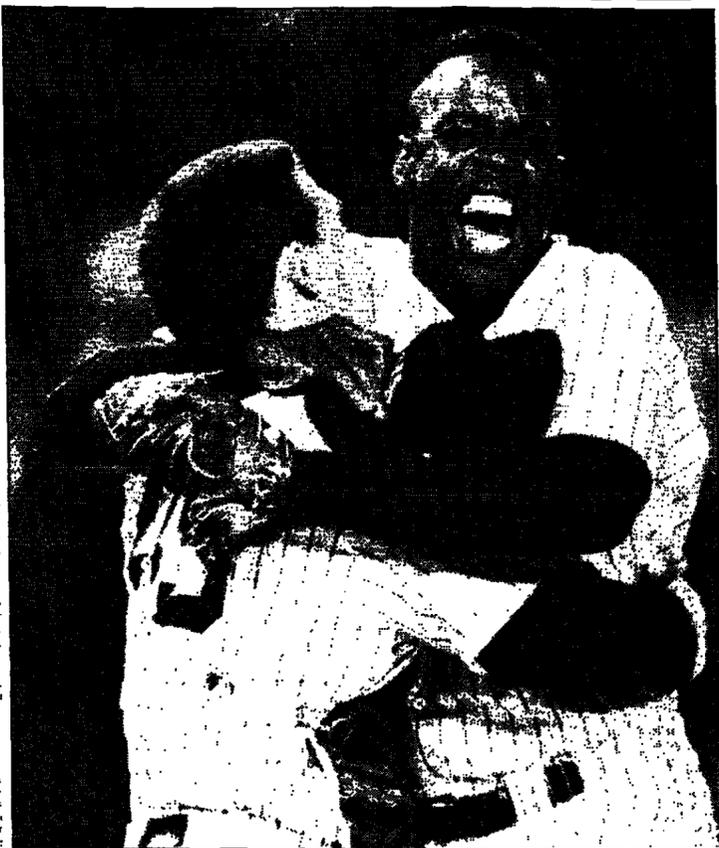
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Maccabi takes 2-0 series lead



DOCTOR FEELGOOD - Yankees' pitcher Dwight Gooden shouts in triumph as he receives a bear hug from catcher Joe Girardi after retiring the last batter.

Gooden hurls first career no-hitter

NEW YORK (AP) - Dwight Gooden, his career considered over after a drug ban last year and a rough start this season, pitched a no-hitter as the New York Yankees defeated the Seattle Mariners 2-0.

Gooden (2-3), who returned to the major leagues after being banned for the final six weeks of the 1994 season and for all of 1995 after testing positive for cocaine, pitched the first no-hitter of his big league career Tuesday.

He extended his hitless streak to 16 innings, struck out five and walked six. In his previous start, last Wednesday against Detroit, he got his first win in nearly two years.

Tino Martinez hit a sacrifice fly in the sixth off Sterling Hitchcock (3-2) and an RBI single by Jim Leyritz made it 2-0.

Red Sox 4, Angels 3
Jose Canseco hit an RBI single in the 12th off Shawn Boskie (4-1), sending visiting California to its seventh loss in eight games.

Stan Belinda (1-1), who escaped a two-on, two-out jam in the 11th, pitched 1 1/2 innings to gain the win.

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Maccabi demonstrated its superiority by displaying tenacious defense, fluid offense, and an overall team game.

Jerusalem jumped out to a 6-2 lead before Tom Chambers hit a three-point shot to cut the gap to one. The tray opened up the Hapoel defense, and Maccabi utilized the holes to pound the ball inside to Radisav Curcic repeatedly.

EL GRONER
Thompson and Norris Coleman gave valiant efforts to keep the game close, but the Maccabi machine was clicking on all cylinders.

Chambers led Maccabi with 24 points and another all-around great game. Curcic scored 18 and Henefeld chipped in 11. For Hapoel, Thompson and Norris Coleman scored 16 and 14 respectively.

Game three of the series will be played Sunday night, at Yad Eliyahu.

Person. San Antonio led 68-53 entering the final period.

The Jazz threatened midway through the fourth, pulling to 81-70 with 5:30 remaining on two free throws by Malone.

Johnson and Vinny Del Negro each added 21 points, though Johnson had only one assist.

Bayern wins UEFA Cup

BORDEAUX (Reuters) - Jurgen Klinsmann set a scoring record as Bayern Munich became only the fourth club to win all three European competitions when they beat Bordeaux 3-1 for a 5-1 aggregate win in the UEFA Cup final last night.

Goals from Mehmet Scholl in the 53rd minute, Emil Kostadinov in the 65th and the record-breaking goal from German international skipper Klinsmann in the 79th consolidated the Germans' grip on their first European trophy for 20 years.

Bulls eliminate Knicks

CHICAGO (AP) - The Chicago Bulls went back to playing like a championship team, knocking the New York Knicks out of the playoffs with a 94-81 victory.

Michael Jordan scored 35 points Tuesday as the Bulls advanced to the Eastern Conference finals against the winner of the Magic-Hawks series.

Red Wings force seventh game

Florida slams door on Philadelphia

ST. LOUIS (AP) - The Detroit Red Wings avoided an historic upset, at least for a night, building a three-goal lead and then hanging on for a 4-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues.

Igor Larionov and Kris Draper scored first-period goals Tuesday and Dino Ciccarelli scored on a third-period power play as the Red Wings, who won the first two games of the series, evened it at three games apiece and forced a Game 7 tonight in Detroit.

National tennis teams take up new residence at Hadar Yosef

THE national tennis team whose new practise center was inaugurated yesterday at the Hadar Yosef sports complex in Tel Aviv have moved down the road to a new home.

The academy, previously located at Ramat Hasharon, had links, financial and otherwise, with the Israel Tennis Centers but the move means that it will now be administered entirely by the Israel Tennis Association.

SPORTS BRIEF
Stoudamire nets NBA rookie honors
Damon Stoudamire of the Houston Rockets was named the Year's Rookie yesterday.

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60-second novelist tops cyberspace best-seller list

DAN Hurley is in his study in his small house, his fingers flying across his computer keyboard, like a pianist warming up before a performance.

It is 11 on a weekday night, and most of Monclair, including his wife and five-month-old daughter, are in bed or heading there. But Hurley is just getting to work, waiting in the virtual wings of a virtual auditorium in America Online.

Across the nation, people are filling into the auditorium for this evening's performance.

It's showtime, folks. Hurley types and the words flash on computer screens from Maine to California: "It's time for everybody to tell the Naked Truth with Dan Hurley, the 60-Second Novelist," he types.

It all began 14 years ago, when Hurley, then an editor in Chicago for several American Bar Association publications, had a wonderful idea for a Halloween costume.

He planned to dress like a cigarette girl, but wear a typewriter around his neck and a hat on the back of his head. He would circulate through the room, murmuring: "Poems? Short Stories? Novellas?" He never made the Halloween costume. But on a Saturday afternoon the following April, he set up on a corner with a 18-kilogram Royal typewriter and a sign, billing himself as the 60-Second Novelist.

For \$2, he interviewed customers, then wrote their life stories.

The stories were short, of course, and shot through with Hurley's dry, gentle humor. He soon headed for New York and within a week had been featured on three television shows. It was the mid-1980s, a time of lavish parties, and the 60-Second Novelist quickly got on the circuit, earning hundreds of dollars to do what he had started doing for \$2 a pop.

In December 1994, America Online invited individuals to create interactive areas and reap a percentage of the time billed to users. Of more than 3,000 proposals, fewer than 20 were accepted, among them the 60-Second Novelist.

"Everybody is interested in themselves," says Judy Tashbook, an AOL spokeswoman. "His formula is really pretty brilliant." Hurley routinely draws 200 or even more for his performances — a tiny fraction of 4.5 million AOL's subscribers, but good numbers for an event without a superstar.

THE 60-Second Novelist started with two shows a week. *Spoof on the News* on Mondays, and *Dan*



Dan Hurley, in his home, where he writes novels on the Internet in under a minute. (Patrick Sanders/Baltimore Sun)

Solves It All on Thursdays. In March, AOL added *Get Naked* for Tuesday nights, encouraging people to tell all — not that they seemed to need any encouragement.

As the first show begins, Hurley types a message only his assistant can see, telling her he wants the following mix of guests: Sexy, Heavy-Serious and Profound-Inspiring. Then he takes on his two roles, the 60-Second Novelist and the On-line Host, a more cynical character.

The first *Get Naked* guest, a young man from Chicago, has taken the show's title literally. He admits to sunbathing nude.

Hurley hurries him off the stage, with a slightly risqué tale.

Another subject, RRed5, types: "I killed someone." "This is just what I want," Hurley says. Slowly, surely, he pulls the story from the young man. A soldier, he

killed someone in Somalia in 1993. "I shot him with an M-16. Just a person in the wrong place at the wrong time." The numbers for the show, now near 300, actually dip during this confession. But Hurley doesn't rush RRed5. He takes his time, writing a bitter-sweet piece that encourages the ex-soldier to stop blaming himself for what happened.

Does Hurley ever worry that he's not qualified to handle such confidences? "What qualifications does Ann Landers have? Experience. When I started out, over 12 years ago, I would have said no way. But after almost 18,000 of these, I think I can give good advice." *Get Naked* ends with the confessions of a one-time prostitute, sexually abused as a child, now living with a former customer. The numbers start going up again. "Sick audience," Hurley murmurs and begins to

write "The Circle Unbroken." The 60-Second Novelist is a misnomer, of course. Hurley takes several minutes to compose most of his pieces. And it's difficult, even by the most generous terms, to call the results novels, although they do have the classic themes: man against man, man against nature and, most often, man against himself.

Inevitably, people want to know if he plans to write "real" novels. And, sure, he has an idea for one. But there are thousands of real novelists and only one 60-Second Novelist. Copies of his work are piled in a towering stack in his study, yellow and pink and white and blue and aquamarine carbons, edging ever closer toward the ceiling and the 18,000 mark.

Five more written tonight, five more lives touched, no end in sight. (Baltimore Sun)

Saving receipts is still a necessary chore

SAVING receipts is a "rule of thumb" among the self-employed. Uncertainty — or wishful thinking — about the legitimacy of claiming certain expenses for income-tax purposes causes many to hang on to these hoards of paper for dear life. The rest of the population would do well to follow suit — for other reasons.

My first lesson in the sacredness of the receipt served both as an omen and as an initiation into the workings of Israeli bureaucracy. At the end of my first trimester at the Hebrew University, I joined the rest of my peers in a dash to the bulletin board on which our grades had been posted.

Dismayed to find mine blackened out with a marker pen, I approached the department secretary for an explanation.

"That means you didn't pay your tuition," she replied. Certain of having paid in full, I asked what I should do. "Bring me your receipt," she said simply.

Unfortunately, after searching high and low, the elusive devil was nowhere to be found.

"Now what do I do?" I asked, after returning empty-handed.

"Go to the main computer and get a confirmation slip," she chided.

The clerk at the "main computer" confirmed that my tuition had indeed been paid, but refused to provide me with written confirmation without a receipt. Reminding her that I was the loss of the receipt which necessitated my request proved fruitless.

"Next!" he yelled down the gargantuan line behind me. Panic stricken, I invoked the Ultimate Weapon — tears — and the confirmation slip miraculously crossed my palm.

One would hope that this 20-year-old tale is no longer relevant, yet letters I receive from readers indicate the contrary. The story of Mrs. S. — who spent a weekend at

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the Tiberias Hot Springs — is a case in point.

After indulging in the "Exotica" package (massage, mud-pack, mineral bath, etc.), Mrs. S. got dressed. On her way to return the bathrobe "lent" to her for the duration of the above, she discovered she had misplaced the receipt for the NIS 70 deposit for the use of the terry-cloth garment.

Return of the rented "wrap" — according to the cloak-room clerk — was insufficient. Without the deposit slip, Mrs. S. would not be able to get her NIS 70 back. She would, however, be able to keep the robe. "Someone else may find the slip, you see," said the clerk. "And then come to claim the cash."

Mrs. S. tried to point out that this "someone" would not have the merchandise to return, which, after all, is more to the point than a mere slip of paper.

Not allowing logic to interfere with regulations, however, the clerk wouldn't budge. Mrs. S. left the "restful" spa with a splitting headache and a robe she didn't need. Perhaps if she had used the Ultimate Weapon, she would have left minus the latter.

But we consumers should not have to sink to sobbing, nor can we rely on being served by "gentles." Guarding our receipts carefully can help us avoid both.

Receipts for purchases of items which may require spare parts at some point should be saved for several years — well beyond the duration of the warranty. The law specifies the number of years a supplier must keep spare parts for various appliances (usually around seven). If nothing else, the receipt proves that the item was bought from a certain supplier, on a certain date.

Receipts for courses — whether for pleasure or related to your employment — should be kept indefinitely in the absence of a "diploma." (You might need proof some day, to raise your rank at work, for example, of having completed certain studies.)

Every receipt relevant to the sale or purchase of real estate should be filed along with other documents relating to the sale or purchase. (You may need these if called upon at a future date to present a "declaration of capital" to the income-tax authorities, for example.)

Supermarket receipts should be saved until you've made sure that all items on the bill arrived home safely, and until you've checked it against your credit-card bill or checking account balance.

Receipts for "replacement" payment resulting from a bounced or canceled check should be saved at least until the original check is in your possession, and destroyed.

It is always good practice to request a receipt for any goods purchased or services rendered. This prevents businesses from evading tax.

Finally, receipts often provide useful information, otherwise long forgotten, such as the name and the telephone number of the place of purchase, the date, and the method of payment (i.e. check, credit card, cash).

ONE FURTHER response to reader inquiry: Reliable sources tell me that it is impossible to buy a three-way light-bulb and socket in this country. However, a similar effect can be achieved through the installation of a dimmer, either instead of a wall switch, or onto the cord of a lamp.

You are invited to offer personal stories about goods and services in this country. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

A golden love at first sight

ONE would imagine that there isn't much in the way of jewelry that could impress Benny Padani, whose family-owned chain of stores sells luxury brands such as Cartier, Patek Philippe, Breitling, Raymond Weil, Baume & Mercier and Chopard.

But Padani himself is the first to admit that when he came across the Wellendorff creations at last year's Basel Fair, it was love at first sight.

An exclusive family-run concern headquartered in Pforzheim, Germany, Wellendorff is not only an undisputed leader on its home turf, but is recognized

throughout the world as producing haute couture in gold. The company has perfected a technique of giving gold the sheen, the smoothness and softness of silk.

The results of this technique are what attracted Padani. "As jewelers and representatives of other jewelers and watchmakers in the world," he says, "we look for something special that we can't do ourselves." The first thing that struck him about Wellendorff was "the way they treat their gold."

Describing the "silk, feminine look of Wellendorff jewelry," Padani contends

that no other goldsmith has reached this perfection.

"It's not just the look," he enthuses. "It's the touch. The design is subtle and rich. It's the kind of jewelry which is difficult to compare with something else. It's unique."

Israelis will have the opportunity to judge for themselves, when \$3 million worth of items from the Wellendorff collection go on exhibit at the Padani Gallery in the company's flagship store in Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Street on May

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19. (The exhibition will remain on display for three months.)

Fashion writers (who were this week given a preview) went unanimously gaga over the twisted strands of 18-karat gold. They were equally enchanted by the trellis necklaces and by the rings adorned with enamel work and set with diamonds.

The collection was introduced by Hanspeter Wellendorff, who now heads the 103-year-old business, and is the fourth-generation member of his family

to do so.

Together with his wife Eva, who does the company's marketing and public relations, he was on his first visit to Israel, but not, he promised, the last.

His company, which produces 5,000 pieces of jewelry a year and chalks up \$50 million in sales world wide, decided to expand its retail outlets and has chosen Israel as its first base in the Middle East, even though it already has clients in other parts of the region.

In fact, the most expensive item it ever produced was made at the behest of a Middle Eastern oil sheikh. Other clients further afield include the imperi-

al court of Japan and actress Joan Collins.

The Japanese have not yet succeeded in copying the unique Wellendorff finish — though not for want of trying. The same goes for the Italians. The technique, which is legally patented, is "very hard to copy, and if you do not do it right, you get a defective piece of jewelry," asserted Wellendorff, adding that if anyone does come up with an exact copy, "he will be prosecuted."

Aside from the silk look, the company's products are distinguished by their quality symbol — a tiny dangling W set with a diamond.

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Brazil's Safdie buys Mizrahi's NY subsidiary

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COMMERCIAL Bank of New York, owned by Brazilian banking magnate Edmundo Safdie, is expected to sign a final agreement to acquire United Mizrahi Bank and Trust Company within a few days, a close associate of Safdie said yesterday.

Giora Esrubilsky said he was unable to provide details of the transaction. Commercial Bank announced it has executed a letter of intent to acquire United Mizrahi Bank and Trust Company, United Mizrahi Bank's New York subsidiary.

A United Mizrahi Bank spokesman said the proposal was recently transferred to the bank's two trustees - banking consultant William Isaac and Prof. Elizer Sheffer, previously deputy governor of the Bank of Israel.

The two trustees have very broad powers regarding the shares of the bank, including sole power to approve their sale.

Following the Ofer-Wertheim group gaining control of United Mizrahi Bank (UMB) in January 1995, the shares of Mizrahi New York were put in trust. The trust agreement calls for the bank to be sold in two years if the owners cannot get approval for the change in ownership.

The Ofer-Wertheim group's willingness to sell UMB's New York based bank is in line with the owner's preference to get out of international activities and to concentrate its activities on the bank's operations in Israel and Europe.

During the last few years, Mizrahi's New York subsidiary has suffered large losses, resulting from the crisis in the US real estate market at the start of the 1990s, which hit most of the local banks' US operations.

In the last two years, the bank has undergone a recovery process - including reduction in activities and sale of assets.

As a result, the bank completed the year with a net profit of \$722,000, compared with a loss of \$4.7m. in 1994.

As of March 31, 1996, United Mizrahi Bank and Trust Company had total assets of about \$300m., total deposits of some \$264m. and shareholders' equity of about \$21m.

'Safdie looking for small Israeli bank to buy'

EDMUNDO Safdie is considering purchasing one of the smaller Israeli banks, Giora Esrubilsky, a close associate of the Brazil-based banker, said yesterday.

"We are opening a special legal office in London and also in Miami that will be in charge of buying a bank in Israel, most probably one of the smaller banks," Esrubilsky said. "This is likely to be done through Commercial Bank of New York."

Safdie is expected to arrive here in the middle of next month to negotiate the transaction.

During the last few years, Safdie has several times expressed his intentions to purchase an Israeli-based bank.

His past investments here include several Israeli companies in partnership with the Dovrat Shrem group.

He has also made large donations to the Technion, Bar-Ilan University, Haifa University and Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

At the end of the first quarter, Commercial Bank of New York had total assets of about \$1.1 billion, total deposits of \$700m. and shareholders' equity of some \$73m.

Commercial Bank provides retail and private banking services to domestic and international clients. The bank's commercial banking business concentrates on small and medium-sized businesses in the New York metropolitan area.

In addition to Commercial Bank of New York, the Safdie family controls Banco Cidade in San Paulo, Brazil and Multi Commercial Bank in Geneva.

Gilo withdraws hostile takeover bid for Scitex

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

HIGH-TECH entrepreneur David Gilo has decided to withdraw his hostile take-over bid for Scitex after failing to meet with the company's management and major shareholders to discuss the transaction.

In a letter written Tuesday and addressed to the embattled, Herzliya-based company, Gilo said the group of investors he represents is willing to negotiate a deal, but its offer to buy Scitex stock at \$25 per share was no longer valid.

The Scitex-Gilo showdown started approximately six weeks ago following Gilo's proposal to purchase Scitex at \$20 per share.

After failing to receive a positive response, Gilo raised the price to \$25, but this was also rejected by the company's major shareholders, who maintained it was not in the best interests of the company and its shareholders.

The company's major shareholders responded by buying more than one million Scitex



David Gilo: Offer to buy Scitex stock at \$25 per share no longer valid.

shares in Wall Street, a move which Gilo said in his letter was coupled by the major owners' indications that they intended to continue purchasing Scitex shares "in order to thwart our proposal."

For its part, Scitex said yesterday that Gilo's withdrawal of his

proposals, "which we believe were not in the best interests of Scitex and its shareholders," removes a distraction from the company and will allow it "to focus on the important business of running the company."

The company's board said it believed in its ability "to fulfill our responsibilities to Scitex and its shareholders by continuing to pursue the aggressive business strategy we put into place at the end of 1995. We believe that plan will enable us to take full advantage of Scitex's technological strengths and competitive positioning in markets around the world."

Last week Scitex, which specializes in digital communication for graphic design, announced a decrease in first quarter net profits to \$3.3 million from \$15.7m. in the same period last year.

Management emphasized that the company's first quarter results represent a return to profitability after two consecutive quarters of losses in the second half of last year.

Loud aircraft to be banned late at night

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE Airport Authority will ban loud aircraft flights between midnight and 5 a.m., the authority announced yesterday. The ban will into effect on January 1, 1997.

According to international air traffic regulations, aircraft are categorized into three groups according to the amount of noise they produce. Planes in categories one and two will be banned during the night hours and only those in category three will be allowed to take off and land.

The regulation apparently comes as a result of the controversy surrounding plans to build a new airline terminal at Ben-Gurion Airport. Many of the objections to the new terminal concern the expected level of noise from incoming and outgoing aircraft.

Authority director-general Motti Debi said he would try even sooner to reduce the noise during the night by demanding that airlines abide by existing regulations.

He called on the Civil Aviation Administration and the Transport Ministry to speed up a law which would effectively punish airlines and pilots who exceed the permitted noise levels.

Airports Authority spokesman Yehiel Amitai said the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has already specified that by 2002, only planes in category three are to be allowed to operate at all.



A human rights demonstrator shouts outside Shell's annual general meeting yesterday in London. The protest was against the oil giant's controversial operations in Nigeria and for the continued survival of the native Ogoni people, who populate areas under oil exploration and transport.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

'Alitalia ready to split company, cut jobs': Management at Alitalia is preparing to divide the ailing Italian airline into two and seek a 10 percent cut in the workforce as part of a rescue plan for the national carrier, union sources said yesterday. The new salvage package, the third drawn-up by Alitalia in two years, is due to be officially unveiled today.

Managing director Domenico Cempella promised at the time of his appointment in March that he would not impose drastic lay-offs, but company directors warned this week there could be no miracle solutions for the debt-laden group.

"It is necessary to intervene with an immediate and tough restructuring package which will have to bring with it sacrifices," the airline said in letter to staff. Alitalia ended 1995 in the red, the eighth year in succession it had recorded a loss, while its debts total a hefty 4.43 trillion lire (\$2.8 billion) against liquid assets of just 442 billion lire, the newsletter said.

Unions sources said they believed the long-awaited restructuring plan will involve the creation of two divisions - one dealing with Alitalia's long-haul operations and another to run the medium and short-haul flights.

US industry output bounces back in April: Industrial output bounced back sharply in April from an 18-day auto industry strike in March that had depressed assembly rates for new cars and trucks, the Federal Reserve said yesterday. Total industrial production jumped 0.9 percent last month after falling 0.5% in March, when a strike closed virtually all General Motors Corp. plants for nearly three weeks.

Factories were running at 83% of their capacity in April, compared with 82.5% in March. But the Fed said that excluding the impact of the GM strike and the subsequent rebound from it, US industrial output would have been flat in April after rising 0.3% in March. Production by both mining and utilities companies weakened in April after increasing in March.

Wall Street economists were expecting a smaller 0.5% increase in April industrial production and an 82.7% capacity use rate. The Fed said that production of automotive products jumped 12.5% in April after falling 10% in March. The assembly rate for new cars soared to an annual rate of 6.3 million a year from 4.7 million in March, while for light trucks it increased to 5.6 million in April from five million.

Estonian economy grows 3% in '95: The economy of Estonia grew by three percent in 1995, slightly lower than the bank's estimate for 1994, the central bank said yesterday. "According to preliminary data, real economic growth was 3% last year," the bank said in a section on the economy in its 1995 annual report.

A central bank spokesman said the bank put 1994 growth at 4.7%, although other forecasters and official bodies have given different figures. The statistics department said growth was static in 1994. Opinions also differ on 1995, with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimating 1995 growth of around five percent.

'Construction sector has highest financial risk in Israel'

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

INFRASTRUCTURE and building is the highest financial risk sector in the country, according to the Business Data Israel (BDI) survey of the market.

The survey shows that 46 percent of the businesses operating in the infrastructure and building sector are defined as high risk. Of the firms, 9% are very high risk, 13% are at a risk level which makes it advisable to only make transactions in cash and 24% are at a higher than average risk level.

The remaining 54% of the companies operating in the sector are at an average risk level. BDI's survey is based on an examination of the financial reports of thousands of companies operating in the sector during the first quarter.

BDI emphasized that the situation of the infrastructure and building sector directly influences activity in other major areas of the economy, such as metal, wood and the building product field.

"The company blames the sector's high risk levels primarily on dependence on government budgets for work. These budgets have suffered as a result of the drop in government-funded construction. The high-risk level is also due to a rise in raw materials, dependence on workers from the territories, the influence of the closure and low-payment morality.

For the first quarter, the low-risk sectors were electronics, computers, chemicals, furniture, metals, rubber and plastic.

JERUSALEM DISTRICT ELECTRICITY COMPANY LTD.

TENDER No. 13/96
Lattice U-Shaped Poles for Overhead Lines

Bids are invited for the supply of indoor distribution transformers.

A copy of the specifications and conditions of tender can be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of Directors, 15 Salah El-Din Street, East Jerusalem, Tel. 282335/6/7 until June 6, 1996.

Bids should be submitted no later than 12 noon on July 1, 1996.

Ports and Railways Authority

Notice of Proposed Purchase

- The Ports and Railways Authority (P.R.A.) wishes to obtain quotations for the supply of the following equipment:

No.	Quantity	Description	Qty.	Unit	Code	Est. Val.	Submission Date
1.1	8800/002	Thumping Limiting Using Machine	1	1	1170	24/6/96	
1.2	8800/001	Ballast Regulator	1	1	885	24/6/96	
1.3	8800/001	In Motion Weighing System	3	5	1170	24/6/96	

* Including 17% VAT

- Expected delivery date 1996
- Preliminary conditions
- Bidders must be approved for ISO 9000 or AAR-M-1003 (or equivalent) standard, or be listed for the same.
- Bidders must prove the use of proposed equipment by European or American Railway Administration.
- Bidders must prove past experience in manufacture and supply of the above-mentioned equipment as supplied in the tender document.
- The P.R.A. reserves the right to proceed with or discontinue negotiations with any or all of the selected bidders. Further, the P.R.A. is not obligated to purchase the lowest priced equipment which might be offered by any potential bidder.
- Tender documents including technical specifications are available upon payment as stated in para. 1 above. All documents and proposals should be submitted in English.
- The last date to submit the proposals is as stated in para. 1 at 15.00 hrs.
- The address for the purchase of Tender Documentation and for submitting the proposals is:
Ports and Railways Authority - Israel
Purchasing Division
74, Petach Tikva Rd.
11th Floor, Room 1103
Tel Aviv 61201, Israel
Fax: 972-3-5616027
Tel: 972-3-5657064
- With regard to para. 1.1 above, Bidder will have to take the commitment of local industrial cooperation in the value of 35% of the purchase price.

With regard to Para. 1.2 & 1.3 preference - only as to the price criteria - is guaranteed for Israeli products, provided that the price of the given Israeli products does not exceed that of the imported products by more than 15% in pursuance of the regulation pertaining to the tender law 5785 - 1995.

US, China draw up sanctions in bitter trade fight

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration targeted \$3 billion in Chinese clothing and electronic products yesterday for what would be the largest trade sanctions in US history, and China quickly announced plans for retaliation.

China fired back with its own

target list of US products, ranging from vegetable oils and telecommunications equipment to American movies in what was rapidly becoming a bitter trade dispute with neither side willing to back down.

US trade officials said the targeted Chinese products would be subject to punitive tariffs of 100 percent or more starting on June 17.

They would take effect barring agreement before then over US

demands that China do more to enforce a 1995 deal cracking down on rampant piracy US businesses claim are costing them \$2.3b. annually.

"Our action today should come as no surprise to China," acting US Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky said. "We have given China every reasonable opportunity... to come into compliance with its 1995 commitments."

Less than an hour after Barshefsky spoke in Washington, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Trade in Beijing announced its own sanctions list. It said, "With a view to safeguarding state sovereignty and national dignity, China shall have no other options but to take corresponding counter-retaliation measures."

The Chinese did not announce a dollar amount of US goods that were being targeted but said its sanctions would cover a variety of US products.

In addition, the official Xinhua

News Agency said the Chinese would suspend imports of American movies, television programs and compact disks and halt the processing of applications of American chemical and pharmaceutical manufacturers to conduct joint-venture operations in China.

While the threat and counter-threat represented a replay of last year's battle to get the original agreement on copyright piracy, it was less clear this time around that both countries would be able to resolve the dispute before the sanctions go into effect.

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Date: 14.5.96

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ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Patrah (foreign currency deposit rates) (6.5.96)

Currency (deposit term)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.825	4.750	5.250
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.125	4.250	4.800
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.750	1.250	0.125
Sales lease (SF 200,000)	0.500	0.500	0.750
Yen (10 million yen)			

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (15.5.96)

Currency basket	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep.
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
U.S. dollar	3.220	3.926	3.15	3.51	3.5143
German mark	2.087	2.126	2.08	2.17	2.1229
French franc	4.8718	4.852	4.78	5.02	4.8081
Japanese yen (100)	0.8197	0.827	0.80	0.84	0.8226
Dutch Guilder	1.6794	1.6731	1.64	1.72	1.6413
Swiss franc	2.6750	2.6166	2.58	2.64	2.5880
Swedish krona	0.4738	0.4835	0.46	0.50	0.4822
Norwegian krona	0.4887	0.4982	0.48	0.51	0.4822
Denmark krone	0.5433	0.5527	0.52	0.56	0.5472
Finnish mark	0.5778	0.5868	0.56	0.60	0.5828
Canadian dollar	2.9269	2.9182	2.82	2.92	2.9171
Australian dollar	0.7433	0.7553	0.72	0.76	0.7506
S. African rand	1.0294	1.0369	1.00	1.05	1.0275
Belgian franc (10)	2.9205	3.0296	2.82	2.92	2.9175
Italian lire (1000)	2.0673	2.1007	2.03	2.13	2.0648
Jordanian dinar			0.91	0.96	0.9583
Syrian pound			0.91	0.96	0.9583
EGP	3.9457	4.0094	3.87	4.01	3.9719
Libya punt	0.0185	0.0194	0.018	0.019	0.0182
Spanish peseta (100)	2.5000	2.5485	2.46	2.58	2.5091

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Key Representative Rates

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Sterling ... NIS 4.9081 + 0.36%
Mark ... NIS 2.1123 + 0.65%

NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

Table with columns: Index Name, Last, Change. Includes DJ Industrials, S&P 500, NYSE etc.

Other stock market indexes

Table with columns: Index Name, Last, Change. Includes FTSE 100, Nikkei, Hang Seng.

Israeli stocks in NY

Table with columns: Stock Name, Last, Change. Lists various Israeli companies like Am I, Azura, etc.

(All figures are closing quotes)
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NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

Table with columns: Currency, Last, Change. Lists rates for Pound, DM, Franc, etc.

Labor rates

Table with columns: Rate, Last, Change. Lists various labor-related rates.

Foreign financial data courtesy of

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Fax. 02-244876

NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS

US commodities

Table with columns: Commodity, Last, Change. Lists prices for oil, wheat, etc.

London commodities

Table with columns: Commodity, Last, Change. Lists prices for gold, silver, etc.

Spot market metals (US)

Table with columns: Metal, Last, Change. Lists prices for copper, aluminum, etc.

London metal fixes

Table with columns: Metal, Last, Change. Lists prices for gold, silver, etc.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Large table of stock prices under 'Multi-sided trading' with columns: Name, Price, Change, Volume.

Two-sided trading

Table of stock prices under 'Two-sided trading' with columns: Name, Price, Change, Volume.

Table of stock prices under 'Investment Companies' with columns: Name, Price, Change, Volume.

ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Large table of international stock prices with columns: Name, Price, Change, Volume.

Teva leads market higher

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ
Two-Sided Index 202.70 +0.88%
Maof Index 213.93 +0.64%

STOCK indexes rose yesterday following gains in Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd.'s American Depository Receipts.

The ADRs soared to an all-time high amid optimism that the company's multiple sclerosis treatment, Copaxone, will receive government approval.

Teva rose six percent in Tel Aviv. Teva's ADRs rose to 48 1/16 on Tuesday from 45 5/8 Monday.

The Maof Index went up 0.64 percent to 213.93 and the Two-Sided Index rose 0.88% to 202.70.

Of 993 issues trading across the exchange, 13 shares rose for every 10 that fell.

Some NIS 76 million worth of shares traded, NIS 4.4m. above Tuesday's level and about NIS 5m. below last week's average trading level.

Teva was the most active share on the exchange, as NIS 21m. worth of shares changed hands, nearly one-third of the total value.

Trading was muted before the publication of April's Consumer Price Index after the market closed, said Idan Azoulay, a portfolio manager at the Tel Aviv firm Impact Iqad Portfolio Management Ltd.

"If it weren't for Teva, the indexes would have closed without changing as all," Azoulay said. "Everything's in the shadow of the CPI."

The Consumer Price Index rose a higher-than-expected 1.7% in April from March. Forecasts had ranged from 1.0 to 1.5%.

April's CPI increase follows an increase of 2.8% in the first quarter, and brings annual inflation to over 14%. That rate exceeds both 1995's 8.1% inflation and this

Shares firm as dollar maintains gains on yen

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - The dollar ended trading in Europe close to the day's highs against the yen after an overnight yen selloff in Tokyo sparked by worries about Japanese interest rates.

And the main European bourses closed firmer, given some backbone by Wall Street, which rose yet again, carried along by the momentum from five consecutive strong sessions.

The dollar hit a high at 106.88 yen in Europe after traders sold the yen in the wake of comments overnight from Japanese Finance Ministry official Eisuke Sakakibara.

Tokyo stocks also stormed three-and-a-half percent higher after the official, dubbed "Mr Yen", put a damper on talk of an early rise in Japanese interest rates.

The regular Bundesbank policy meeting was held a day early because today is a market holiday across much of Europe.

Dow retreats from advance

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks were almost unchanged yesterday after retreating from a broad advance in this week's rally.

Technology shares drew a boost from another strong earnings reports by a leading computer industry name.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose less than a point - 0.73 - to close at 5,625.44, after posting a gain of almost 50 points earlier in the session.

On Tuesday, the barometer of 30 big US firms added about 42 points, breaking above the 5,600 mark for the first time in four weeks, but the rebound in the blue-chip sector stumbled yesterday as bonds failed to follow-through on their recent strength.

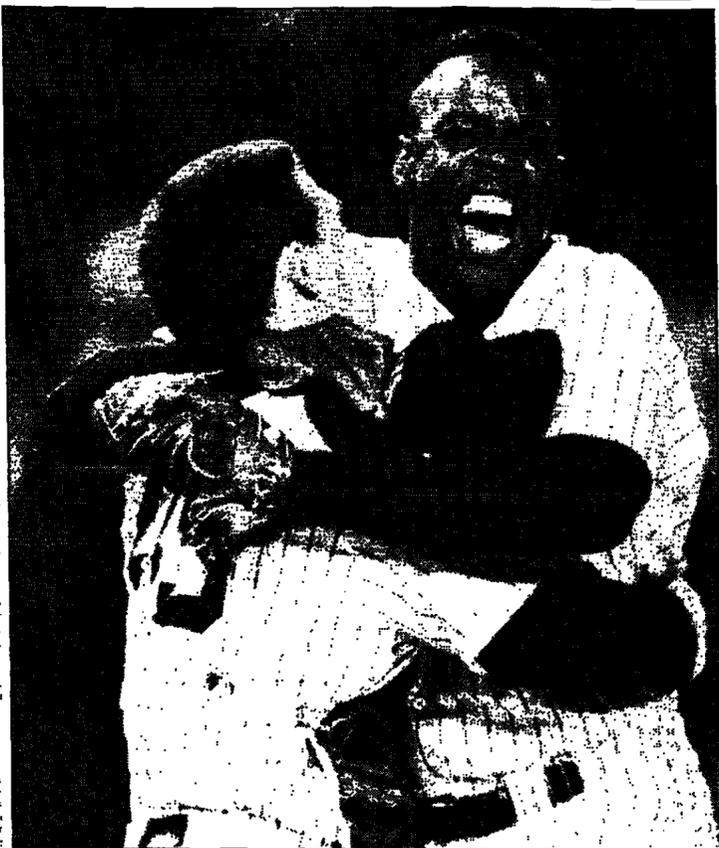
Broader indicators ended slightly lower or higher after holding modest gains for most of the day.

The technology sector was lifted by the latest in a series of strong profit reports that have helped dispel widespread fears of a computer industry slowdown.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

Table with columns: MARK, STERLING, YEN, SFR, FFf. Lists exchange rates for various currencies.

Maccabi takes 2-0 series lead



DOCTOR FEELGOOD - Yankees' pitcher Dwight Gooden shouts in triumph as he receives a bear hug from catcher Joe Girardi after retiring the last batter.

Gooden hurls first career no-hitter

NEW YORK (AP) - Dwight Gooden, his career considered over after a drug ban last year and a rough start this season, pitched a no-hitter as the New York Yankees defeated the Seattle Mariners 2-0.

Gooden (2-3), who returned to the major leagues after being banned for the final six weeks of the 1994 season and for all of 1995 after testing positive for cocaine, pitched the first no-hitter of his big league career Tuesday.

He extended his hitless streak to 16 innings, struck out five and walked six. In his previous start, last Wednesday against Detroit, he got his first win in nearly two years.

Tino Martinez hit a sacrifice fly in the sixth off Sterling Hitchcock (3-2) and an RBI single by Jim Leyritz made it 2-0.

Red Sox 4, Angels 3
Jose Canseco hit an RBI single in the 12th off Shawn Boskie (4-1), sending visiting California to its seventh loss in eight games.

Stan Belinda (1-1), who escaped a two-on, two-out jam in the 11th, pitched 1 1/2 innings to gain the win.

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MACCABI Tel Aviv outlasted Hapoel Jerusalem as they defeated Hapoel in Malha last night, 84-71. The win leaves Maccabi one victory away from the National Basketball Championship.

Bayern wins UEFA Cup

BORDEAUX (Reuters) - Jurgen Klinsmann set a scoring record as Bayern Munich became only the fourth club to win all three European competitions when they beat Bordeaux 3-1 for a 5-1 aggregate win in the UEFA Cup final last night.

Goals from Mehmet Scholl in the 53rd minute, Emil Kostadinov in the 65th and the record-breaking goal from German international skipper Klinsmann in the 79th consolidated the Germans' grip on their first European trophy for 20 years.

ELI GRONER
Thompson and Norris Coleman gave valiant efforts to keep the game close, but the Maccabi machine was clicking on all cylinders. The Tel Avivians managed to extend their lead to 72-58 with 5:23 to play, before a monster Thompson rejection of a Curic shot attempt sparked Hapoel on a little run.

Bulls eliminate Knicks

CHICAGO (AP) - The Chicago Bulls went back to playing like a championship team, knocking the New York Knicks out of the playoffs with a 94-81 victory.

Michael Jordan scored 35 points Tuesday as the Bulls advanced to the Eastern Conference finals against the winner of the Magic-Hawks series.

Person, San Antonio led 68-53 entering the final period.
The Jazz threatened midway through the fourth, pulling to 81-70 with 5:30 remaining on two free throws by Malone.

Red Wings force seventh game

Florida slams door on Philadelphia

ST. LOUIS (AP) - The Detroit Red Wings avoided an historic upset, at least for a night, building a three-goal lead and then hanging on for a 4-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues.

Igor Larionov and Kris Draper scored first-period goals Tuesday and Dino Ciccarelli scored on a third-period power play as the Red Wings, who won the first two games of the series, evened it at three games apiece and forced a Game 7 tonight in Detroit.

National tennis teams take up new residence at Hadar Yosef

THE national tennis team whose new practise center was inaugurated yesterday at the Hadar Yosef sports complex in Tel Aviv have moved down the road to a new home.

The academy, previously located at Ramat Hasharon, had links, financial and otherwise, with the Israel Tennis Centers but the move means that it will now be administered entirely by the Israel Tennis Association.

Soccer Scoreboard

English league promotion play-off semifinal, second leg
Division one: Crystal Palace 1, Charlton 0 (Crystal Palace wins 3-1 on aggregate); Stoke 0, Leicester 1 (Leicester wins 1-4 on aggregate).

National League

Pinch-hitter Joe Ornelak broke a 5-5 tie in the eighth with a two-run single as host Florida won its team-record ninth straight.

Sports Brief

Stoudamire nets NBA rookie honors
Damon Stoudamire of the Houston Rockets was named the Year's Rookie yesterday.

USA Playoffs

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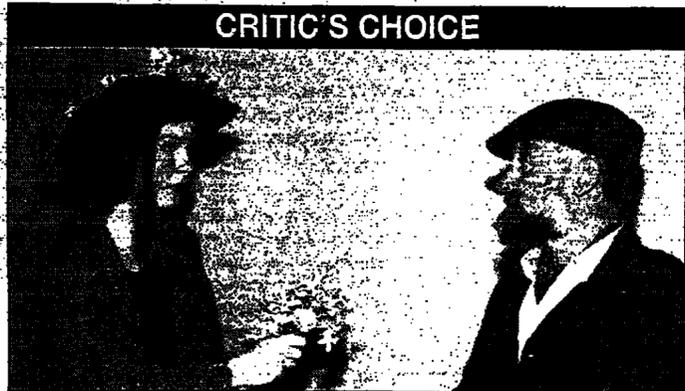
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Eliza Doolittle (Roya Shanks) and Professor Henry Higgins (Murray Rosovsky) in 'My Fair Lady' at the Haifa English Theater.

ENGLISH LECTURE

HELEN KAYE

WORLD-famous science-fiction writer Brian Aldiss is here. He's the author of the Hugo-winning Helliconia Trilogy, as well as 33 other novels, more than a dozen short story collections, poems and 10 non-fiction books, including an autobiography. His lecture tonight is entitled, "Why I Live on Helliconia: The Philosophy of Living Elsewhere." Aldiss's visit is organized by the British Council and is at the Jerusalem British Council building, 3 Shimon Street, in Baka, at 7:30.

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

"By George she's got it!" And so have lovers of Lerner and Loewe's My Fair Lady. The Haifa English Theater production is directed by Laura Sivan and stars 16-year-old US native Roya Shanks as the cockney Eliza who becomes a lady with language to match, thanks to Professor Higgins (Murray Rosovsky). The music director is Thomas Shanks, the choreographer is Ruth Hoffenberg, and there's a cast of 40 onstage. The show premieres Saturday at the Haifa Museum at 9 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

LALO Schifrin joins the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra for two "Jazz Meets the Symphony" concerts, in which he leads the orchestra from the piano in performances of his own compositions, as well as suites based on the music of Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Cole Porter, Antonio Jobim and Louis Armstrong.

Schifrin's combo is made up of drummer Grady Tate, bassist Ray Brown and James Morrison on trumpet, trombone and flugelhorn. At 8:30 tonight and 2 tomorrow at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium. Exceptional young American maestro Neal Szulberg leads the Israel Sinfonietta, Beersheba, in Mozart's 39th Symphony, Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances and the overture to Rossini's La Cenerentola. The exceptional pianist Peter Frank plays Mendelssohn's Second Piano Concerto. Performances are 8:30 Saturday through Tuesday in Beersheba, and Wednesday in Ashkelon. Eitan Globerson leads the Haifa Symphony Orchestra in Beethoven's Fourth Symphony and Liszt's First Piano Concerto, played by pianist Ludmila Berlan. Tomorrow (11 a.m.) at the Haifa Auditorium. Tickets are NIS 10.

Perussionist Chen Zimbalista, pianist Michal Tal and violinist Tali Steiner present what they call "a completely different concerto," playing music by Fraberman, Hovhaness, Rossario, Ravel and Zornan at 8:30 Saturday at the Tel Aviv Museum. At 11:11 Saturday morning at Tzavta, the Tel Aviv Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet performs a 70th birthday celebration for Mordechai Rechtman, playing his arrangements of selections by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Verdi, Bartok and others.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

AT least when there's an Israeli entrant, it's possible to justify tuning in Eurovision as an exercise in patriotism. This year, it will be more like watching a fourth-rate horse race on which you haven't placed a bet - a bit bloodless. Still, such time-tested elements as the allotting points from around the continent over bad phone connections are reassuringly ritualistic. So, say "Hello, Oslo" Saturday at 10 p.m. on either Channel 1 or Jordan TV.

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UNEXPECTED 14:40 Growing Pains

15:05 South by Southeast 21:05 Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot (1992) - an LAPD cop finds his career and love-life in jeopardy when his mother comes to stay. With Sylvester Stallone and Estelle Getty. 22:30 Someone's Watching (1993) - a journalist on the trail of corrupt policemen falls in love and becomes involved in a sophisticated sting. With Tim Daly, Judd Nelson and Virginia Madison (84 mins.) 00:00 Nightmare on Elm Street 4 (1988) - Freddy Krueger returns. With Robert Englund and Freddy Estelle. Directed by Renny Harlin. 1:30 Shattered Image (1993) - a millionaire is kidnapped. (94 mins.) (rpt) 3:05 Model by Day (1993) - a top model fights crime at night (rpt) 4:35 Seeing Stars ER 5:25 Concert for Children & Angels (1972) (rpt)

MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Great Expectations - Musical adaptation of Charles Dickens's classic novel 16:05 Another Life 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Diplo 17:45 Front Runners 18:40 The A-Team 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 CNN 20:30 Evening Show 21:00 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air 22:50 Feature film

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:05 Ketchup Vampires (rpt) 8:30 Blinky Bill (rpt) 9:05 Alice in Wonderland (rpt) 9:35 Nils Holgerson (rpt) 10:05 Weird Loops (rpt) 10:35 Loony Tunes (rpt) 11:00 Saved by the Bell (rpt) 11:30 Beakman's World (rpt) 12:00 Hugo (rpt) 12:45 Alvin and the Chipmunks (rpt) 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Professor Iris (14:00) Robbin' Sucroe 14:35 Alice in Wonderland 15:05 Nils Holgerson 15:35 Step by Step 16:05 Sweet Valley High (rpt) 16:25 Saved by the Bell 17:05 Who Knows Sick? 17:30 Time Surfers 18:15 Alvin and the Chipmunks 18:35 Ketchup Vampires (rpt) 19:00 Blinky Bill (rpt) 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:10 Cheers

ITV 3 (33)

16:00 News 16:15 Arts magazine 17:15 Modern People 18:00 NBA 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Today - News in Russian 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Telexpress 21:15 37 Rue Main (1966, French) - a mysterious young girl meets an enigmatic author and a spark of mutual interest draws them into a passionate relationship 23:10 Inside Stuff 00:00 Closedown

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Sugar and Spice 16:00 Home field - table tennis 16:30 Invitation to surfing 17:00 Great Discoveries - Alexander Fleming and penicillin 17:30 Diving in the Sea 18:00 Jerusalem - arts 18:30 Female Perspective 19:00 Zero Hour (rpt) 19:30 Magazine in Russian 20:00 A New Evening 20:30 Family Album 21:00 Zornit Business 21:30 The End for now 22:00 70 Faces 22:30 Spirited Talk - The Cairo Geniza

FALCON CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon (rpt) 8:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 8:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 WKRP in Cincinnati 11:25 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 21 Jump Street 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 Seeing Stars - Melrose Place 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 19:00 Remington 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Jerusalem Time - live broadcast for Jerusalem Day. With Netiva Ben-Yehuda, Gil Hovav and Rivka Michaeli interviewing celebrities 21:40 Clara's Heart (1988) - Whoopi Goldberg stars as a soft-hearted housekeeper. Directed by Robert Mulligan (108 mins.) 22:45 Sisters 00:35 Babylon 5 1:20 Hunter 2:10 San Francisco Tales 3:05 The Great Defender 3:50 Paris - action series

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Marilyn and Me (1991) (rpt) 12:05 Meet John Doe (1941) - Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck in Frank Capra's tale of a penniless vagabond. (121 mins.) (rpt) 14:05 What's New at the Movies 14:20 The Dead (1987) - magnificent rendition of James Joyce's short story (rpt) 17:25 Kinky Boots (1986) (rpt) 19:00 Cross Creek (1983) - Marjorieinnan Rawlings discovers how her life and writing change when she moves to the Florida back-

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University students strike today

BATSHEVA TSUR

STUDENTS at the country's institutes of higher learning will strike today to protest against the intention to raise tuition fees.

The national union of students called on all its members yesterday to join in a demonstration outside the Treasury building in Jerusalem at noon today.

"Fees have virtually doubled in the past three years and today we pay NIS 8,000 [per year]," union spokesman Lilach Nehemia said yesterday. "We estimate that they will be increased to as much as NIS 15,000."

She said the students were being forced to bear the brunt of the universities' deficits.

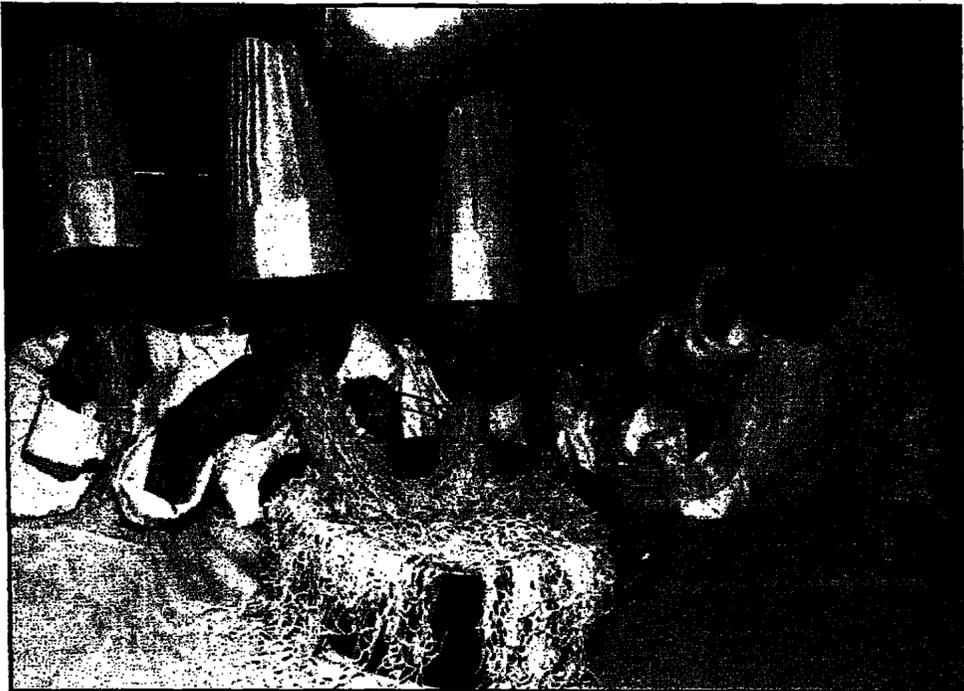
Two weeks ago, the students broke away from the committee discussing the financial aspects of tuition, headed by retired judge Ya'acov Maltz, after the members refused a student request to discuss the question of fees immedi-

ately. Since then, there have been demonstrations on several campuses and students have disrupted phone lines to the Treasury.

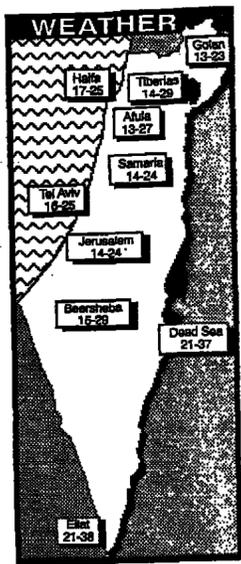
Nehemia said last night that unless the Treasury changed its present position the students would begin an open-ended strike starting next week.

Maltz said the committee was discussing all the issues. "The student union is suitably represented on the committee by three of their members," Maltz said, "and the committee was set up at their request to solve tuition fee issues for the next five years."

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein said last night that he personally opposed doubling tuition fees and did not believe there was an intention to do so. He charged the students with fomenting trouble "and disseminating disinformation... for political purposes."



First grade pupils of the Gordon school in Tel Aviv learn the secrets of pasta making at the Tel Aviv Hilton, which is preparing for next week's Italian Food Festival. (Shaul Rahamin)



AROUND THE WORLD

	Low	High	Forecast
Amsterdam	8	13	cloudy
Bahia	24	28	cloudy
Buenos Aires	11	18	clear
Chengde	21	26	clear
Chicago	10	16	cloudy
Copenhagen	12	18	cloudy
Helsinki	10	16	rain
Geneva	12	18	cloudy
Hong Kong	22	27	clear
London	10	16	cloudy
Los Angeles	18	24	cloudy
Madrid	11	17	clear
Moscow	10	16	cloudy
New York	12	18	cloudy
Paris	10	16	rain
Rome	10	16	cloudy
Stockholm	10	16	cloudy
Sydney	11	17	clear
Tel Aviv	16	25	clear
Tokyo	12	18	clear
Vienna	10	16	cloudy

Supreme Court doubles rapist's sentence

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court yesterday doubled the sentence of a man who raped a 57-year-old woman three times, from seven to 14 years.

Felix Plotzky, 39, encountered the woman in the street, followed her home, and told her he wanted to become better acquainted. She told him she was not interested, but he kept coming back. Finally, when she still refused to let him in, he broke down the door and raped her. She managed to call the police before he entered, but the police took down the address incorrectly and never came.

After he left, she called the police again, but they failed to

catch him. Two weeks later, he returned and once again broke down the door and raped her. She again called the police, but they again failed to catch him.

Several days later, he came a third time. This time, she pretended not to be at home, and he left. She again called the police, who again failed to catch him.

That night, he returned, and once again demanded entry. This time she let him in without waiting for him to break down the door, and he raped her a third time. He then fell asleep on her bed, and she called the police,

who arrested him.

Tel Aviv District Court sentenced Plotzky to seven years, citing the need to "take a strict approach toward sex offenders and give them stiff deterrent sentences." However, the state appealed the sentence, saying seven years was hardly a stiff sentence under the circumstances.

Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Eliahu Mazza, and Ya'acov Terkel agreed. They acknowledged that Plotzky supported a son, 16, and an elderly mother, and that he had no criminal record.

However, they said, none of

these were good enough reasons for a light sentence in such a serious crime.

"We are talking about three incidents of rape committed within a short time, despite [Plotzky's] knowledge that the victim had complained to the police, who were looking for him," they wrote. "[Plotzky] did not hesitate to repeat his deeds - victimizing a lone woman in her own house, and raping her with threats and violence. A criminal like this must be separated from society for a long period, which will express society's revulsion against his acts and will serve as a deterrent to others."

'Illegal workers rarely bothered by the authorities'

EVELYN GORDON

ISRAEL has become an attractive location for illegal foreign workers, because the authorities rarely bother them, the Knesset State Control Committee was told yesterday.

According to the State Comptroller's Office, about 10% of Israel's labor force now consists of foreign workers - 100,000 who are here legally, and another estimated 100,000 illegals. The total is higher than the greatest number of workers from the territories ever employed here.

"But we have come to the conclusion that this [estimate] might well be low, said Batsheva Carmon, who heads the Interior Ministry's visas and foreigners division.

For instance, she said, a Polish diplomat told her that some 10,000 of his countrymen are here illegally, while the ministry had estimated 25,000 illegal workers from all of eastern Europe.

Carmon said diplomats have told her Israel attracts illegal workers because the authorities leave them alone. Very few are ever expelled, she said; few are ever even questioned.

The problem is steadily getting worse, she added, because many

of the illegal workers have been here for years, and are married with children. While their children are not citizens, it is still not clear whether the government has the right to expel them, she said. The first such case is now pending before the High Court of Justice.

Another problem, Carmon said, is that even legal workers are allowed to stay for long periods of time - up to 54 months.

All of the MKs present agreed that foreign workers represented a "time bomb" which "threatened the country." Both MKs and representatives of the Labor, Interior and Police ministries also agreed that the problem was not being dealt with effectively, with ministry representatives adding that effective treatment would be impossible until one central body was established to handle this issue.

However, said Labor and Social Affairs Ministry Director-General Avraham Ben-Shoshan, the public should stop deluding itself that getting rid of foreign workers - who are mostly employed in construction and agriculture - will suddenly provide jobs for thousands of Israelis.

Winning cards
In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ace of spades, nine of hearts, jack of diamonds and seven of clubs.

Fraud suspects released on bail

RAINE MARCUS

TWO men and a woman suspected of defrauding hundreds of building contractors were released on bail by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Yoel and Rivka Nadav and David Yishai are suspected of establishing a company, Eldek - the Bureau for Construction and Entrepreneurship in Israel, which ostensibly looked after contractors' interests.

They allegedly told contractors, many of them Arabs from the North, that they would protect their rights, just as the official Contractors' Association does, and collected hundreds of thousands of shekels for their "services."

Police found that the company had no right to ask for yearly dues from building contractors and alleged that the money went directly into the suspects' pockets. Police said the contractors had believed the three were the managers of an official association.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Museums 1/2 price for seniors

The law granting senior citizens discounted entrance fees to cultural institutions went into effect yesterday, the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry announced. Upon presenting a senior citizen card or identification which includes date of birth, senior citizens will receive a 50 percent discount at 19 theaters and 44 museums around the country.

The Habima and Cameri theaters, as well as the Israel Museum and the Diaspora Museum, will honor the discount. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Man charged with insider trading

An accountant from Moshav Rishpon, Yitzhak Bash, 45, was convicted of insider-trading offenses by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

According to a plea bargain, Bash confessed to using information he obtained in his position as accountant for two companies - Mirage Development Israel and Yissum Holdings - to buy NIS 60,000 in shares through accounts of family

members before the stock exchange was informed of the company results. Sentencing will be at a later date. *Itim*

Women's conference held

A feminist interpretation of traditional religious texts was presented yesterday at a conference attended by over 50 Christian, Druse, Jewish, and Moslem women and a handful of men. The third annual conference on religion and culture is taking place at Jerusalem's Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies. However, the opening session was held at the University of Bethlehem because the Palestinian participants could not get permits to enter Jerusalem. *Esther Hecht*

UTJ takes Betar illit council

The United Torah Judaism list won 70 percent of the vote in Tuesday's elections for the Betar Illit local council. *Itim*

Cabbie stabbed and robbed near Ashdod

CABBIE Meir Ben-Dahan, 23, of Ashdod, suffered serious wounds when he was stabbed during a robbery attempt late Tuesday night.

Ben-Dahan was taken to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot where, after surgery, his condition was listed as serious, but stable.

He was called to the Bat-Hazor mobile home site at about 4 a.m. to pick up a fare to Beersheba. Two men got into the cab, pulled knives, and demanded his money. Ben-Dahan refused to hand it over, and during the struggle that ensued, was stabbed in the back and chest. The thieves then took several dozen shekels and ripped out his radio, so he couldn't call for help, then fled. *(Itim)*

Boy, 5, hit by motorcycle

A five-year-old boy was seriously injured yesterday when he was hit by a motorcycle while walking on a dirt path near Rehovot.

The boy, who had just left his parent's home, suffered serious head injuries and was brought to Rehovot's Kaplan Hospital. The motorcycle driver sustained light injuries. Police are investigating the accident. *Itim*

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To be paid to the page-call company.
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These rates have been fixed by the page-call companies themselves and are at their own responsibility.
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The cost of one phone unit - NIS 0.2856 (inc. VAT)

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